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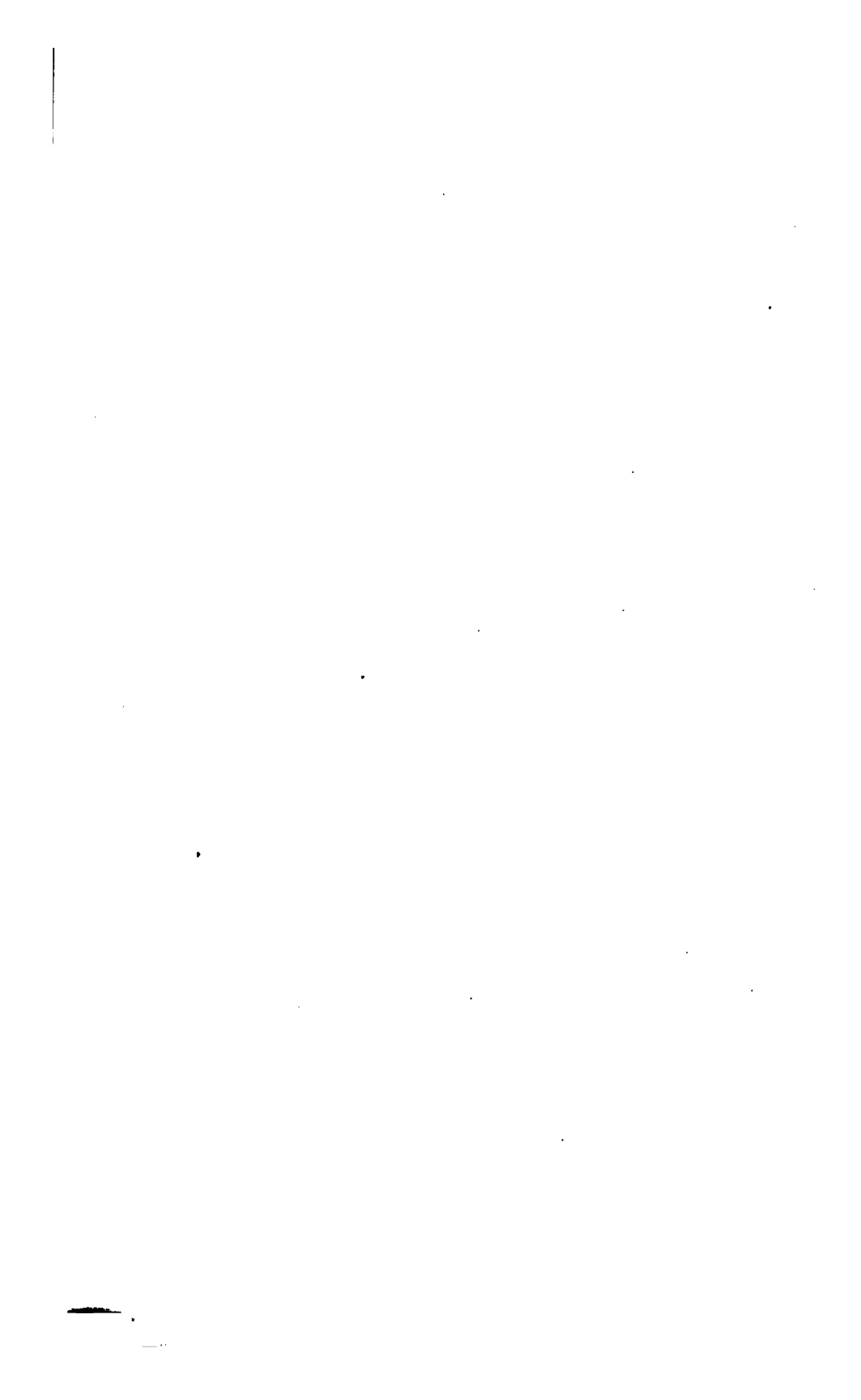
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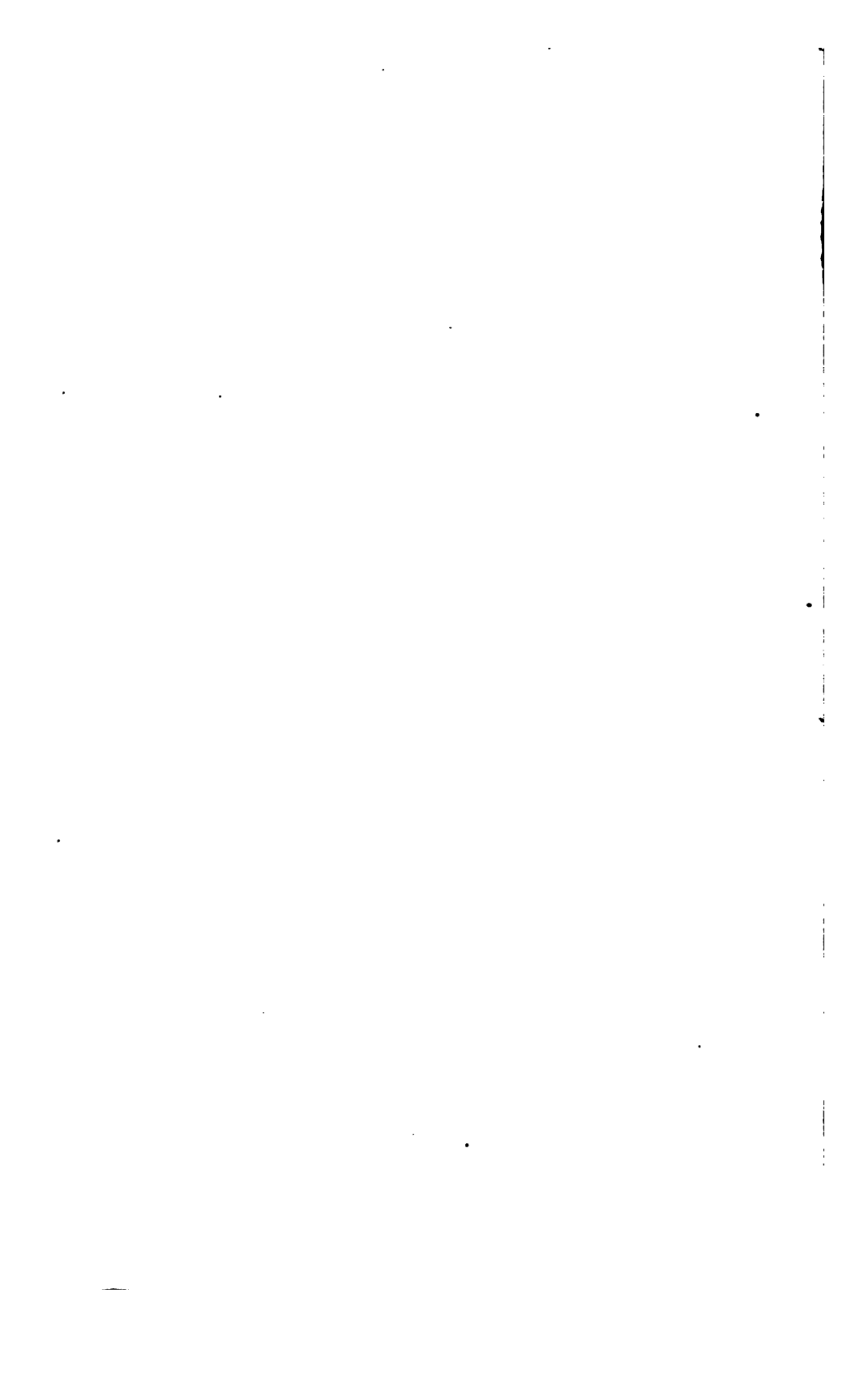
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PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1856.



TWENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

(R. J.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

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FREDERIC H. HEDGE, Jr. *Assistant Librarian.*



REPORT.

The Directors of the Providence Athenæum, beg leave to submit their Twenty-first Annual Report to the Proprietors.

In the previous reports of the Institution, the Directors have presented all the particulars connected with its progress from its origin to the time of such reports. As it seems unnecessary to enter into these details again at this time, the Directors have deemed it proper to confine their present report to the actual history of the Institution during the past year; to state the receipts of money, the sources from which it has been received, and the various expenditures, the number and character of books added to the Library, the number of shareholders, and such particulars connected with the use of the Library as will possess an interest.

They feel pride in announcing that the number of books in the Library now exceeds twenty thousand volumes, among which are embraced the best books in every department of literature and science, with a collection of works of reference not surpassed, they believe, in any public Library of the same extent in the country. In selecting their books, the Directors have been guided, not only by the actual wants of an intelligent reading community, such as they believe that to be which

enjoys the privileges of the Library, but by the purchase of standard works in all classes of literature as they have emanated from the press.

The Librarian, Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, and his assistant, Mr. Fred'k H. Hedge, continue as before. These gentlemen have faithfully performed their duties and kept the Library in excellent condition.

The Directors have held their monthly meetings regularly, and the committee whose duty it is to select and purchase books have held more frequent meetings.

Agreable to the usual custom, the directors appointed three of their body to examine the Library with a view to ascertain its condition. That committee with the assistance of the Librarian, have faithfully attended to this important and very laborious duty with a result which cannot but be gratifying to the proprietors. They have compared the books with the shelf catalogues and find them all in their places or accounted for, except eight volumes. These, too, are of little value and can be replaced at a trifling cost if it should be necessary. This committee also report that they found the books in good order except those in the department of Fiction, which bear marks of constant use, many being worn out.

From the Librarian's Report the Directors are enabled to present the following particulars regarding the Library and its use.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the past year is seven hundred and forty eight,—of pamphlets fifty-four. Of these there were added

By purchase,	-	-	-	527
By donation,	-	-	-	131—658
By binding of periodicals,	-	-	-	90—748

Of the pamphlets, there were

Added by purchase,	-	-	-	18
“ by donation,	-	-	-	36—54

The additions consist of

Folios,	-	-	-	24
Quartos,	-	-	-	36
Octavos,	-	-	-	358
Duodecimos and under,				330

Total,	-	-	-	748
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The number of volumes in the Library,
according to the last annual report,
was - - - - 19,519
Additions since, - - - - 748

Making the present number,	-	20,267
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There has also been purchased for the Athenæum, a set of colored engravings, six in number, illustrative of Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan.

It is believed that the books purchased have been fully equal in character to those of former years. The proportion of new publications has been larger than usual, but some valuable works of a former period, and some illustrated books have been added to the Library.

Early in the year the Athenæum received from Alexander Duncan, Esquire, the “JOURNAL OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, in 16 volumes, 8vo., embracing the proceedings of the Society from 1839 to 1853, and containing statistical papers on every variety of subject, from railroad accidents and the variations of the stock market to the method of destroying lunatics among the Esquimaux of Greenland. The Athe-

næum is also indebted to Mr. Duncan for the "ANNUAL REPORTS" first to the twelfth, inclusive, of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England, from 1837 to 1849, in eleven volumes 8vo.

Henry Stevens, Esquire, of London, the agent of Mr. Duncan, having expressed the wish to obtain for this Library a copy of the "REPORTS OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH" of England, that body with great liberality presented to it a complete set of their Town and County Reports, in twenty-eight volumes. These volumes having been handsomely and substantially bound, at the expense of Mr. Duncan, were sent to us free of cost. They contain a large amount of valuable and interesting matter on the subject of sewerage, drainage, water supply, and others of a kindred nature, and must be of great use to all persons who wish to investigate the causes which affect the sanitary condition of a people.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, in accordance with a vote passed at their annual meeting in 1855, have presented us with a complete set of the Reports of their Proceedings in nine volumes, octavo.

Valuable Congressional documents have been received from the Hon. Philip Allen, and the Hon. C. T. James, U. S. Senators, and the Hon. Thomas Davis, Representative in the last Congress of the United States.

The thanks of the stockholders are due to the following gentlemen and institutions for valuable contributions :

Henry Barnard,	Alexis Caswell,
John Barstow,	Horace H. Day,
John Russell Bartlett,	Francis DeWitt,
Henry T. Beckwith,	Hiram Fuller,
Hector Bossange et Fils,	William Gammell,

H. R. Greene,	Essex Institute,
R. A. Guild,	Office of the Secretary of the
John Kingsbury,	Senate of the U. States,
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Joseph Mauran,	Prison Discipline Society,
Charles W. Parsons,	State of Rhode Island,
Barnas Sears,	Surgeon General's Department
Edwin M. Snow,	of the U. S. Army,
J. D. Hedge,	Trustees of the Free Public
American Antiquarian Society,	Library of New Bedford,
Americ'n Unitarian Association,	Trustees of the New York
City of Providence,	State Library,
Department of Indian Affairs,	U. S. Coast Survey Office,
Mercantile Library Association	Young Men's Institute
of Boston,	of Hartford,
Mercantile Library Association	Young Men's Library Associa-
of New York,	tion of Cincinnati,
Mercantile Library Association	Young Men's Library Associa-
of Philadelphia,	tion of Worcester.

Two quarto volumes containing the *RAPPORTS GENERAUX DES TRAVAUX DU CONSEIL DE SALUBRITE* have been presented by Dr. Marshal Woods. They complete the series of works procured by him for the Athenæum on the subject of Hygiene in France. They were ordered at the same time with those presented by him in 1854, but not received till the present year.

The number of periodicals has been enlarged by the addition of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF EDUCATION*, published quarterly, and edited by Henry Barnard, Esquire, *THE CRAYON*, a monthly journal, devoted to American art, and the *NATIONAL REVIEW*, a new English quarterly, which ably represents the views of the "middle party" in Church and State.

Having stated what has been brought into the Library, it may gratify some of the curious to know what has gone out; how much, and what, use has been made by the proprietors of the literary resources at their command.

At the commencement of the present year, there were 561 stockholders owning 567 shares. On fifteen of these shares no books have been given out. The whole number of volumes delivered on the 552 shares used was 17,846, being an average of a little more than thirty-two volumes to a share. A large number of these books have been renewed, as it is technically termed, many of them more than once. This, in fact, constitutes a new issue, and if reckoned as such, would increase the amount of volumes delivered nearly one quarter, making an average of about forty volumes to each share used.

The works given out may be classified as follows:

Whole number of volumes delivered,	17,846
Fiction, - - - - - -	8,971
Biography and History, - - - -	2,158
Voyages and Travels, - - - -	1,481
Poetry and Belles Lettres, - - - -	1,733
Art, Science and Law, - - - -	972
Religion and Philosophy, - - - -	843
Periodical and Miscellaneous Literature, -	1,688
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	17,846

The readers of Fiction, it will be seen, constitute a very large class, but not larger than was to have been expected. It is probable that at least two thirds, if not three quarters, of those who take books from this Library are under twenty years of age, a period when the imagination is active and the

demands of the reason easily satisfied. It is not proved that more time is spent in this kind of reading because the number of volumes read is so much greater. One may read half a dozen novels in the time that should be devoted to a single volume of History, Science or Philosophy. The field of Fiction is a wide and ever increasing one. It comprehends not merely tales and romances, but works in religion, science and philosophy. Macaulay has told us in a beautiful simile of the window in Lincoln Cathedral, framed from rejected fragments of glass, how much Sir Walter Scott has done for the student of history. At the present time we see all classes of teachers who wish to act on the public mind, both conservatives and reformers, members of the established Church and "come outers," priests and politicians, even Cardinals and statesmen, eagerly taking this method of gaining the public ear. The truths or opinions which a writer of the last century would have inculcated in the form of an essay, the writer of the present day disseminates in the more agreeable shape of a novel. A novel, while it is more entertaining, may at the same time be made more instructive than a history, and contain, in the language of Horace Walpole, "many of those important truths which History is too proud to tell and too dull from not telling."

While the number of those who have read for amusement is so great, the Librarian states that there is a considerable class among the younger frequenters of the Athenæum, advanced scholars in the different schools of the city, who understand the true purpose of such an institution, and who make diligent use of it in the investigation of subjects connected with their studies, and that it is one of his pleasantest duties to assist such persons in their researches, and to point out to

them, when in his power, where they may find the information they are in quest of.

An attempt has been made by the Librarian to form some idea of the popularity of different American authors from the demand for their works as shown by the number given out. The trial was made on only four, viz: Cooper, Irving, Prescott and Simms. The following is the result:

Of the works of Cooper, there were taken out, 411 vols.

"	"	Simms,	"	"	"	360	"
"	"	Prescott,	"	"	"	167	"
"	"	Irving,	"	"	"	165	"

This test, however, is by no means a fair one, for the number of volumes in the Library written by Cooper, for instance, is four times as great as that of those written by Prescott, and they are small and quickly read. In order to make the comparison a fair one, it should be made between authors of works of a similar character, and where the number of volumes is equal, or at least, where the supply is equal to the demand. If the trial had been made in the present instance with the writings of Jacob Abbott, his popularity would have proved greater than that of Cooper; for his little histories and Franconia stories are very numerous and greatly in favor with juvenile readers.

Nor should this result be considered as a test of the literary taste of our community. To arrive at correct results, and form a criterion of the estimate in which certain writers are held, or to judge of the taste for particular classes of literature, we should be governed by the number of books which find a market here. If this were taken into account, we are of opinion that the result would be more flattering, and exhibit a more elevated taste than we have here presented.

The writings of Prescott, Irving, Bancroft, Ticknor, of our most popular travellers, of leading theologians, and of our best poets and essayists, are largely purchased for the domestic circle and for private libraries; and are not, in consequence, called for by such owners from the Athenæum. These, with the corresponding British authors, we think, constitute the staple of the literary food in our community, and among the very families and individuals which patronize the Athenæum. Book buyers, thus, purchase for themselves and their families the standard works, while they depend upon our library for books of a light and ephemeral character. Periodical literature, too, which embraces efforts of a high order, is widely patronized among us.

With regard to the writings of British authors, the same remarks will apply. The standard works are considered necessary appendages of every private library, while the ephemeral productions are sought for in circulating libraries.

From the Treasurer's Report we are enabled to present the following particulars:

The receipts for the year, including the balance from last year, amount to \$3,936 44, and the payments to \$3,415 68, leaving a balance of \$520 76 in the Treasury.

For Library purposes there has been expended as follows:

For books,	- - - -	694 49
" periodicals,	- - - -	291 96
" binding books,	- - - -	122 29
" atlas, maps and picture frames,		44 00

\$1152 74

Amount brought over, . . . \$1152 74

For expenses the principal items have been as follows:

For attendance on Library,	1232 00
“ alteration in warming apparatus,	476 37
“ fuel, gas and oil,	214 46
“ insurance, repairs, collecting assessments and other expenses,	340 11—2262 94
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	\$3415 68

The balance on hand is larger than usual from the fact that there have not been offered for purchase so many desirable books in the current literature of the day, as in some former years, while the appropriation made last May, of a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purchase of foreign books, has not been expended. The facilities for procuring books from England, are not as good as formerly, and the desire of the Directors to save the heavy charges which attend these importations has compelled them to delay for a few months the expenditure of the money appropriated. They are now preparing a list of desirable foreign books which they hope to make arrangements to procure on advantageous terms at an early day.

It will be gratifying to the proprietors to learn that the city tax which has been levied on the Athenæum building for many years will no longer be levied. Efforts to procure a remission of this tax were made last year, without effect, and the tax of 1855 was accordingly paid by the Treasurer. These efforts have been renewed, and we are happy to add with success, the city tax being remitted, and, in accordance with the opinion of the city Solicitor, it will no longer be levied.

By this decision the institution will save this year about \$225. The large expenditure incurred in rebuilding and altering the warming apparatus will also be saved the coming year, so that from these two items alone there will accrue in the year to come about \$700 to be expended in books or other objects.

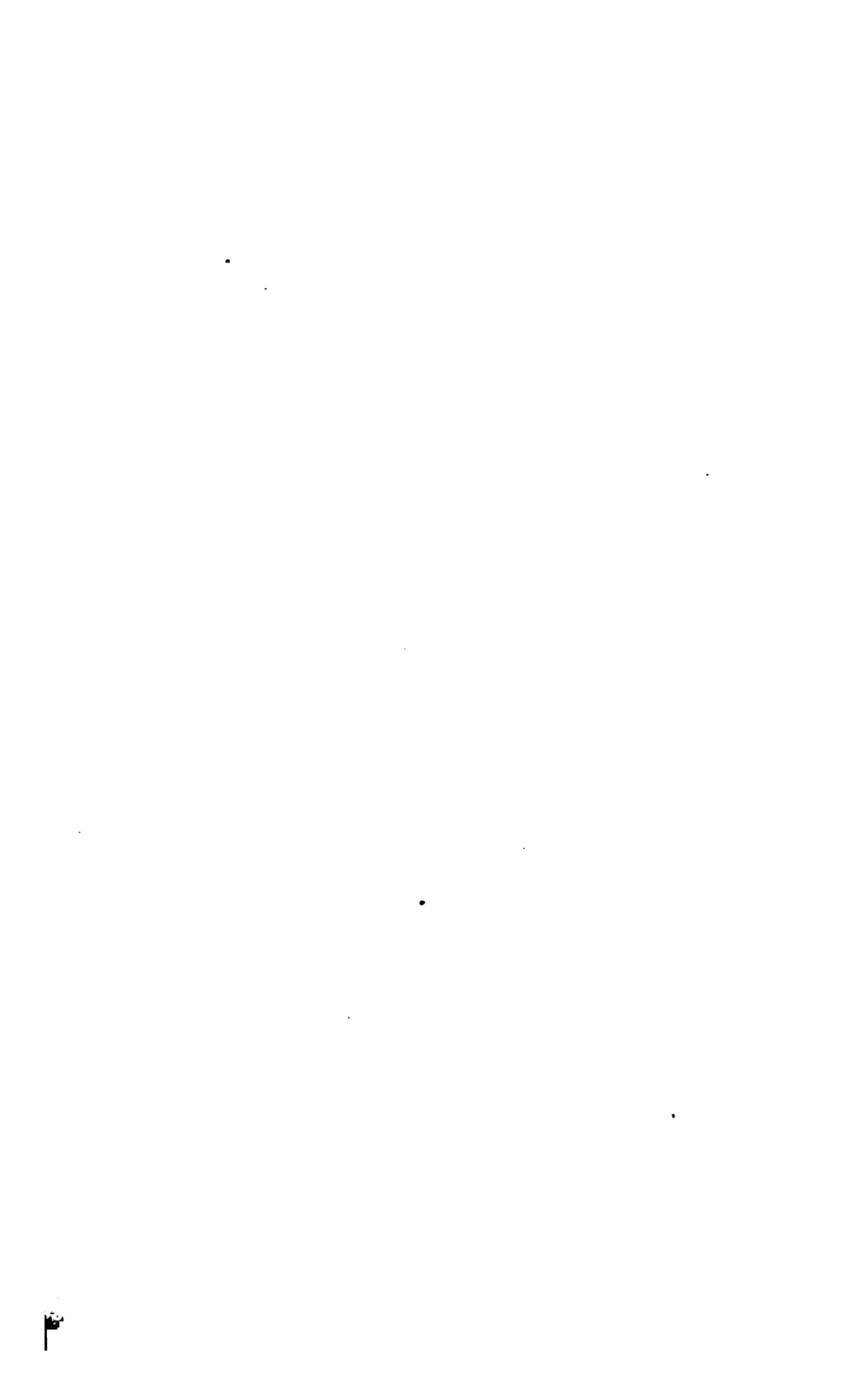
This brief abstract from the Treasurer's Report shews that about one third of the expenditures have been for the extension of the library and preservation of the books; one third for salaries; and the other third for fixtures, alterations, insurance and other expenses. For these several items you are referred to the Treasurer's Report.

After deducting \$500 from the balance reported in the Treasury, which sum was some time since set aside for the purchase of London books, there will remain but \$20 67. The Directors therefore recommend the assessing of the usual tax of \$5 on each share for the coming year.

WM. S. PATTEN, *Vice President.*

JOHN GORHAM, *Sec'y.*

Providence, Sept. 22, 1856.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Proprietors of the Providence Athenæum :

The Treasurer Reports as follows :

There was on hand Sept. 24, 1855, - - - - - 172.71

The Receipts for the year have been as follows :

For fines, - - - - -	120.70
For dividends on invested funds, - - - - -	710.00
For taxes on 567 shares, - - - - -	2835.00
For five shares sold at \$15 each, - - - - -	75.00
For old boiler and pipe, - - - - -	23.03
	3763.73
	\$3936.44

The payments for the same period have been—

For books, - - - - -	694.49
For periodicals, - - - - -	291.96
For binding books, - - - - -	122.29
For atlas, maps and picture frames, - - - - -	44.00
For salaries, - - - - -	1232.00
For alteration in warming apparatus, - - - - -	476.37
For fuel, - - - - -	169.90
For gas and oil, - - - - -	44.56
For collecting assessments, - - - - -	62.87
For insurance, - - - - -	57.50
For repairs and furniture, - - - - -	86.60
For printing and advertising, - - - - -	47.75
For stationery, postages and express, - - - - -	39.25
For cleaning rooms and watering streets, - - - - -	25.08
For removing trees and sundries, - - - - -	19.06
	3415.68
	520.76
	\$3936.44

Expenditures, - - - - -	3415.68
Cash on hand, - - - - -	520.76

\$3936.44

The number of shares issued Sept. 24, 1855, was - - - - - 567

The number issued the past year is, - - - - - 5

Making at the present time, - - - - - 572

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. BECKWITH, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, 22d September, 1856.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1856.

	Share No.		
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Aborn John W.*	38	Balch John R.	359
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Balch Joseph	205
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Balch Joseph P.	419
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ballou Hosea Jr.*	169
Adler Charles A.	450	Barker Frederick A.	520
Akerman Charles	350	Barker Joseph A.	252
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Barker Josiah (East Greenwich)	448
Allen Candace	380	Barstow Amos C.	369
Allen Charles B.	50	Barstow Ephraim R.	555
Allen Crawford	6	Barstow John	310
Allen Philip	9	Bartlett George	178
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Samuel	449	Bates Varnum J.	325
Allen William C.*	133	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Allen Zachariah	8	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Almy Benjamin B. (New Bedford)	541	Beckwith Truman	19
Ames Samuel	171	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Benevolent Congregational Society	343
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Binney William	558
Angell Daniel	415	Bishop Nathaniel	471
Angell Henrietta K.	167	Blanding William B.	499
Angell John W.	287	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Anthony Burrington*	359	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Anthony Henry	44	Borden Jefferson (do.)	143
Anthony Henry B.	414	Bourn Benjamin M.	512
Anthony James G.	193	Bourn William B.	267
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Bowen Henry	198
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Bowen Henry L.	312
Aplin Charles	453	Bowen Tully D.	130
Arnold Benjamin	223	Bowler Charles L.	188
Arnold Charles	106	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold George C.	103	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Brastow Frank	291
Arnold Richard J.	40	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Briggs Samuel A.	533
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Brown Henry T.	510
Arnold Welcome	142	Brown Isaac	245
Atwater Joseph H.	157	Brown John C.	77
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Joseph R.	480
		Brown Moses*	1
		Brown Nathaniel W.	200
Bacon Henry*	65	Brown Nicholas Jr.	547
Bailey Benjamin D.	493	Brown Thomas	212
Bailey William M.	165	Brown William	324

*Deceased.

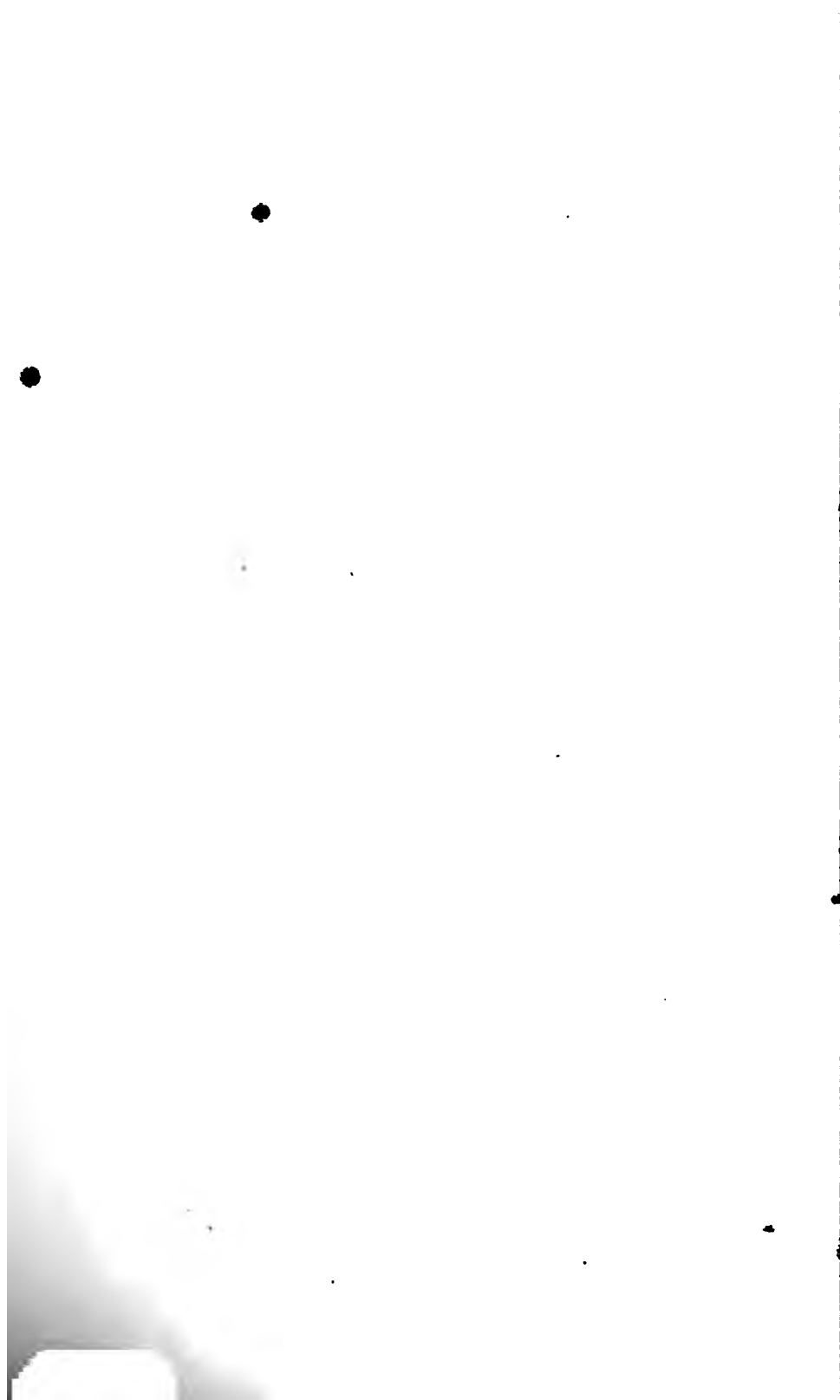
Brown William Whipple	466	Dana George	305
Brown Zephaniah	356	Daniels Dexter	484
Brownell Richmond	160	Daniels George M.	28
Brownell Sylvester	452	Darling Levi B.	572
Bucklin James C.	373	Dart William H.	128
Bucklin Simon S.	42	Davis John W.	461
Buffum Benjamin	52	Davis Thomas	173
Bullock Julia	502	Day Daniel	53
Bullock William P.	144	Day Israel H.	203
Burdick William B.	402	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Burges Tristram	264	Dexter Samuel	95
Burges Walter S.	78	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Burgess Frederick	76	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Burgess Thomas M.	357	Dike Arba B.	483
Burr Henry A.	162	Dorr Thomas W.*	172
Burrough Joseph	388	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Burrough Martha H.	367	Dorrance Tully	244
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dorrance William T.	92
Bush Marcus A.	104	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Bush Richard W.	91	Duncan Alexander	12
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dunn Robinson F.	393
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dunnell Mary	235
		Dunnell Thomas L.	304
		Dunwell James P.	412
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Calder William	274	Dyer Benjamin	131
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Dyer Charles	259
Carpenter Earl	486	Dyer Cyrus	302
Carpenter Sturgis P.	549	Dyer Elisha	159
Caswell Alexis	270	Dyer John	21
Central Congregational Society	49		
Chace Lewis J.	527		
Chace William M.	176	Eames James	97
Chapin Amory*	94	Eames Jane A.	487
Chapin George W.	337	Eames Laura C.	107
Chapin Joshua B.	423	Earle George	206
Chapin Royal	424	Earle William	474
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Eddy Nelson S.*	417
Child Lewis P.	345	Eighth Baptist Church	540
Childs Charles H.	208	Evans Rowland	333
Church Peter	217	Everett Amherst	338
Clark Thomas M.	411		
Clarke James M.	501		
Clarke John H.	313	Farnum Alexander	557
Cleveland Thomas*	129	Field Daniel	26
Clifford Lewis W.*	47	Field John Albert	209
Collins George L.	526	Field John Allen	443
Congdon Gilbert	72	Field William	15
Congdon Henry R.	514	First Baptist Church	405
Congdon Welcome	257	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Cook Caleb C.	352	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Cook Stephen	433	Fisher Cyrus	147
Cooke Joseph J.	565	Fletcher Thomas	300
Corliss George H.	360	Fletcher William	368
Cornett Henry T.	265	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Cory Thomas M.	153	Franklin Henry P.*	18
Cowell Benjamin	326	French William S.	318
Cowing Ward, children	391	Friendship Mt. Baptist Church	539
Cozzens Benjamin	23	Fuller Frederick	560
Crane Jonathan (Attleboro')	455		
Cranston Barzillai	254		
Crocker Nathan B.	296	Gallup Albert S.	503
Cross Frances E.	225	Gammell William	286
Cross James M.	561	Gardiner Walter E.	152
Cushing Samuel B.	399	Ghirardini Maria L.	431

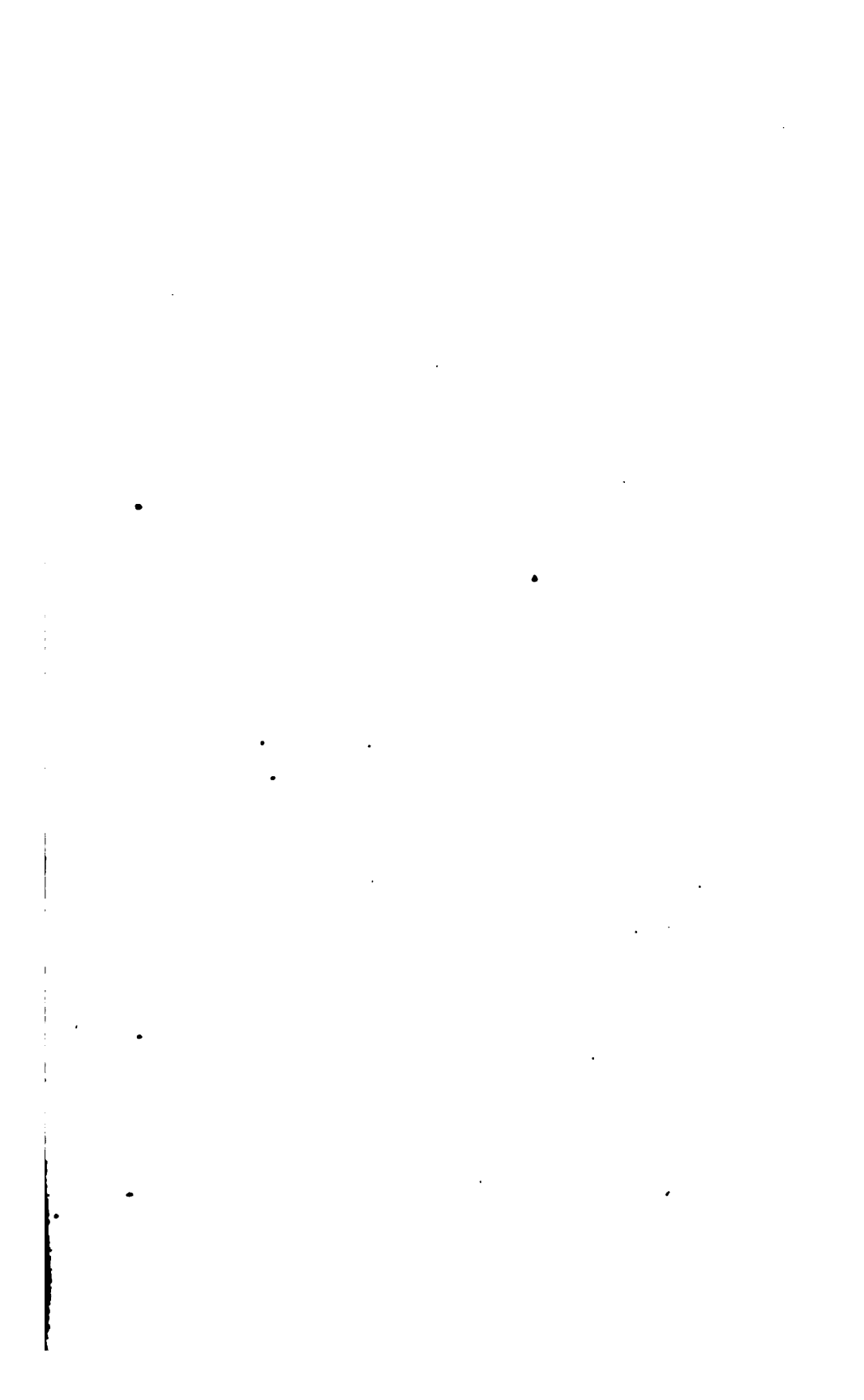
Giles Henry H.	377	Hunt William A.	189
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hutchins Shubael	123
Gladding John C.	295	Hutchins Sterns	175
Gladding Royal P.	469	Hutchinson James	513
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354		
Glezen Eben K.	407		
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Ives Hope*	404
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Moses B.	3
Goodhue Daniel T.	341	Ives Robert H.	4
Goodwin Daniel	315		
Gorham Jabez	45		
Gorham John	427	Jacobs Henry	64
Greene Albert Collins	492	Jackson Charles	470
Greene Albert G.	332	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jackson George W.	338
Greene Cornelia E..	429	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Richard W. (Warwick)	73	Jenckes Thomas A.*	485
Greene Rufus	444	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Scott	166	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Simon H. (Warwick)	43	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Warren A.	535	Jolls John F.	432
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene William Albert*	187	Jones John D.	472
Grinnell George	229	Joslin Joseph A. D.	473
Grinnell William T.	86		
Grover Zuinglius	418		
Gurney Anstin	117	Keene Charles L. (N. Providence)	284
		Keith Christopher T.	507
Haines William S.	302	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hale Isaac	182	Kelly Wilbur*	125
Hall Edward B.	263	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hall George W.	496	Kimball Jerome B.	149
Hallet George W.	37	King William J.	571
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Kingsbury John	214
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Knight Benjamin B.	370
Harkness Thomas	33	Knight Henry P.	233
Harris Caleb	170	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127	Knight Robert 2d	396
Harris Phebe	457	Knowles Edward P.	488
Harris Stephen	221	Knowles John P.	71
Hart Charles	553	Knowles John P. trustee	262
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Knowles Joseph	208
Hartshorn Isaac	101		
Hawes Arnold C.	207	Larchar John	39
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Hayes Wingate	93	Larned Samuel*	306
Hedge Frederick H.	523	Leete George A. (New York)	261
Hedge J. Dunham	309	Leonard Dexter	179
Helme William H.	550	Lewis Dexter B.	195
Herreshoff John B. (Bristol)	289	Lincoln John L.	119
Hill Hiram	163	Lippitt Albert D.	587
Hill Paris	134	Lippitt Charles*	460
Hill Thomas J.	363	Lippitt Christopher	150
Hilton William D.	114	Lippitt Henry	68
Hodges Isaac A.	468	Lippitt Robert L.	333
Holden Charles	29	Lockwood Moses B.	351
Hoppin George H.	430	Lothrop Henry W.	140
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51	Lyman Henry B.	67
Hoppin William W.	283	Lyman John W.	126
Hoskins James B.	294		
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230		
Howard William A.	75	Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25
Howland John A.	192	Manton Amasa	24
Hudson Henry E.	241	Manton Crawford J. (Smithfield)	397
Humphrey Walker	475	Manton Robert	409
Hunt George	364	Manton Walter	410

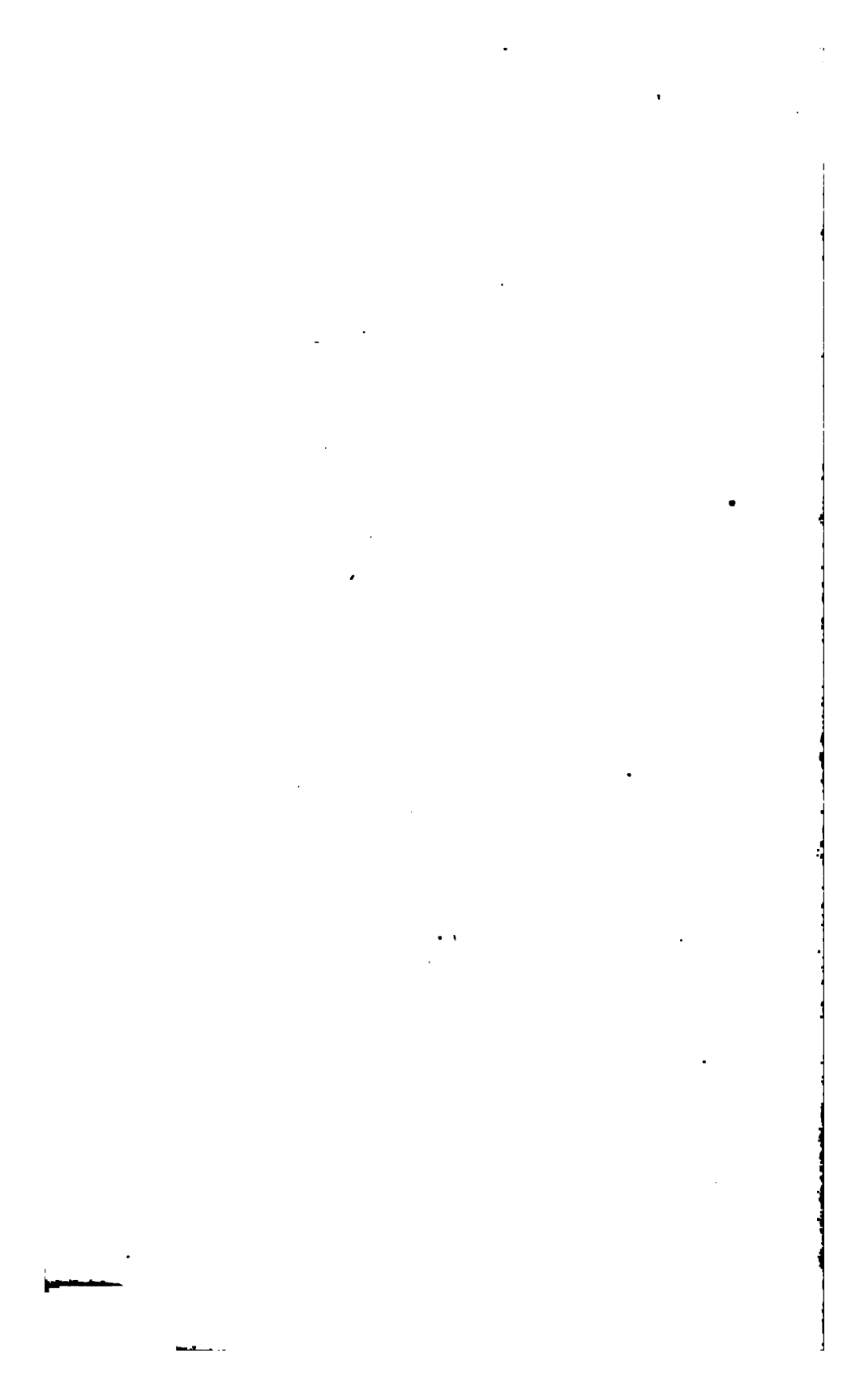
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Martin Joseph	456	Peck Allen O.	211
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Mason George	81	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason Henry W.	285	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mason William H.	331	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mathewson Rollin	421	Perry Amos (New London)	458
Mathewson St. Meth. Episco'l Church	36	Pierce Asa	218
Mathewson Thomas	544	Pike Charles F.	548
Mauran Abby	62	Pike Jonathan	447
Mauran Augustus C.	551	Pine St. Baptist Society	307
Mauran Eliza Y. guardian	537	Pitman John	63
Mauran Joseph	243	Pitman John T.	290
Mauran Suchet	132	Pitman Joseph S.	197
McKay William A.	80	Potter Alfred	120
McKnight Charles G.	327	Potter Americus V.	239
Mead Marshall B.	508	Potter Charles	55
Merrill William S.	314	Potter Christopher C.	459
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Metcalf Joel	70	Potter Robert W. Jr.	545
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Roger Williams	109
Metcalf Whiting*	422	Potter William H.	139
Miller Edward F.	330	Power St. Methodist Episcopal Church	361
Miller Frederick	518	Pratt Francis (Pawtucket)	199
Miller Lewis L.	146	Pratt Peter*	17
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Pratt William H.	495
Mowry William G. R.	10	Prescott Henry A.	442
		Proud Isaac	482
Newcomb Rhoda	362		
Nichols J. Basset	311	Randolph John R.	521
Nightingale Edwin J.	209	Rathbone George S.	210
Nightingale George C.	113	Rathbone Stephen K.	20
		Rathbone William P.	118
		Ray Isaac	435
Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292	Read Francis	434
Olney Charles C. P.*	426	Read James H.	84
Olney Stephen T.	186	Reynolds John	320
Ormsbee John H.	228	Reynolds Mary E.	403
Ormsbee John S.	347	Rhodes James T.	232
Osborn William	340	Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Owen Ezekiel	54	Rhodes Thomas H.	334
Owen George	401	Richardson Henry	231
Owen Smith	389	Richmond Franklin	121
		Richmond George G.	534
		Richmond George M.	46
Pabodie Benjamin G.	85	Richmond Harriet T.	525
Pabodie Charles A.	96	Richmond Lewis	479
Padelford Seth	111	Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494
Paige George*	402	Rivers Mary	531
Paine Amasa	115	Robinson William A.	489
Paine Daniel	328	Rodman William M.	196
Palmer John B.	500	Rogers Henry A.	57
Parker Thomas M.	322	Rogers Horatio	400
Parkhurst Charles H.	374	Rogers Joseph	301
Parkhurst William H.	155	Rounds John M.	83
Parsons Charles W.	35		
Parsons Usher	375		
Patten William S.	237	Sabin Charles	201
Payne Abraham	497	Sacket Adnah	317
Pearce Edward	185	Salisbury Samuel S.	425
Pearce Edward D.	321	Seagrave Edward	532
Pearce Thomas*	30	Shaw Allen	251

Shaw John M.	154	Tobey Samuel B.	66
Shaw Mary A.	515	Torrey Moses E.	384
Shaw Seth W.	439	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Tourtellot John E.	115
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Tower Augustus M.	105
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13	Townsend Solomon	16
Sisson Henry T.	379	Townsend William C.	122
Slater John 2d*	11	Tripp Benjamin	61
Sleeper George W.	164	Truman Nathan	248
Slocum Jonathan L.	463		
Smith Amos D.	101	Underwood John M.	570
Smith James Y.	504	Updike Walter W.	478
Smith John W.	215	Utley Leander*	242
Smith Nathaniel	112		
Smith S. Sterry	90		
Snow Amos W.	151		
Snow Walter B.	467	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Snow William C.	275	Viall William	542
Southwick Isaac H.	498	Vinton E. Dyer	220
Sprague Amasa*	293		
Stafford Robert R.	100		
Staples William R.	181	Wade Eben	224
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Walcott Edward	48
Stead Thomas J.	249	Walling Henry F.	563
Steere Jonah	420	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Stevens Benjamin	505	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Stimson John J.	194	Warner James M.*	138
Sumner Increase	413	Waterman Henry	278
Sutton Edward	335	Waterman Resolved	41
Swan Jarvis B.	255	Waterman Richard	180
Swann Elizabeth W.	266	Waterman Rufus	277
Sweet Joseph	276	Waterman William H.	240
		Watson Matthew	27
		Wayland Francis	236
Taft Cyrus	161	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Taft George (Pawtucket)	476	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394
Taft Orray	59	Weeden William G.	246
Taft Royal C.	465	Westcott Henry	522
Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56	Wheaton Samuel B.	440
Tallman William	372	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Taylor Daniel A.	511	Wheeler Charles J.	108
Taylor John	378	Whipple John	79
Taylor John H.	87	Whitaker Anthony B. A.	454
Taylor Theodore	32	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Temple William	436	Whitaker Josiah	383
Thayer Euclid C.	386	Whitaker William	60
Thomas George B.	524	Wilbur George H.	556
Thompson John C. Jr.	365	Wild Rebecca	398
Thurber Edmund	509	Wiley Benjamin B.	562
Thurber Isaac	281	Williams William G.	298
Thurber Stanton	344	Winship Edgar H.	529
Tibbitts Mary R.	227	Woods Alva	222
Tibbitts William W.	552	Woods Marshall	490
Tillinghast Charles E.	516	Wright Alfred, 2 shares	148, 543
Tillinghast Chas. F. 3 sh's.	74, 184, 272		
Tingley Edmund W.	124		
Tingley Henry	297	Young Edward R.	136
Tingley Sylvanus*	177		

563 owners of one share each,	- - - - -	563
3 " two " "	- - - - -	6
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567		572







(R. F.)
Providence Athenæum.

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PROVIDENCE, ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1857.

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TWENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

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PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS;

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1857.

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REPORT.

The Board of Directors of the Providence Athenæum, beg leave to present to the stockholders, their Twenty-second Annual Report of the affairs of the Institution; which, they have the pleasure to state, are in a prosperous condition.

At the first meeting of the Board, a letter of resignation from Judge Pitman was received and read, together with the resolutions in relation thereto, passed at the last annual meeting of the stockholders, to which the letter had been communicated.

The Board, thereupon, passed the following Resolutions, and caused the same to be entered upon their Records:—

“The Hon. John Pitman having caused his wish to be expressed to the Board of Directors, that he should not be re-elected President of this Institution;

Resolved, unanimously, by this Board: That the services of Judge Pitman as President of the Athenæum, for twenty years past, entitle him to the grateful acknowledgments of the Institution, and especially of the Board of Directors, over which he so long presided.

Resolved, That we hereby cordially assure him, that, by his official connection with the Board, ties of personal friendship are added to the respect and esteem, which we, in common with his fellow citizens, pay to his public and private worth.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered on the Records of the Board ; and that a copy of them be transmitted to him, with the copy of the Resolutions, respectful to him, which the Corporation of the Athenæum passed at its annual meeting, and instructed this Board to communicate to him."

The Hon. William S. Patten was then elected President, and the Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D., Vice President, for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. Dunham Hedge was re-elected Librarian, and Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian ; and the salary of the latter, in consideration of the increasing duties of the office, was raised to five hundred dollars a year. These gentlemen have faithfully performed the duties appertaining to their respective offices, as the report of the Committee to examine the Library will show.

The Directors have held their monthly meetings regularly ; and the Library Committee, whose duty it is to select and purchase books, have met every week. The result of their labors, has been a very large increase of the Library, and on terms highly advantageous.

The additions to the Library have been greater, during the past year, than during any year since the occupation of the present building ; and greater, than during any year, except the first, since the incorporation of the Athenæum.

The number of volumes added, during the year, is fifteen

hundred and sixty-two; and of pamphlets, sixty-one. Of the former, there were added

By purchase,	1340
“ donation,	125—1465
“ binding of periodicals,	97—1562

Of the pamphlets, there were added

By purchase,	19
“ donation,	42—61

The additions may be classified as follows:

Folios, - - - - -	27
Quartos, - - - - -	49
Octavos, - - - - -	965
Duodecimos and under, -	521—1562

The number of volumes in the Library, according to the last report, was	- - - - -	20,267
Additions since,	- - - - -	1,562

Making the number, at present,	- -	21,829
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There are, also, about five hundred volumes of duplicates in the Library, not included in the above enumeration. These are of no use on our shelves, and occupy space that will soon be needed; and the question arises, if it would not be well for the stockholders to pass a vote, authorizing the Directors to dispose of, either by sale, exchange or gift, such works as are no longer of use to the Athenæum; reserving, however, such as were acquired by benefaction.

Two maps have been added, by purchase, and ten charts, by donation.

It is proper to remark, that a large proportion of the books added, are English editions of standard English

works; and although some of them are rare, and many of them costly, they have been procured upon such favorable terms, that the average cost of all the books purchased, is but about \$1.25 per volume. Furthermore, it should be observed, that several hundred volumes of the English books purchased, were substantially, and some elegantly, bound.

The donations to the Athenæum have been fewer in number, and of less value, than usual. A splendid exception, however, is the gift, from our fellow citizen, George H. Whitney, Esq., of the "Galerie du Palais Pitti," in four folio volumes. This is a collection of copperplate engravings, by the best Italian artists, of the treasures contained in this celebrated Florentine Gallery, and illustrated with an explanatory text, by a society of literary gentlemen. It is a fair companion to the "Musée Francais," which we already possess, and a noble addition to the art department of the Library. A gift like this is the more acceptable, because it belongs to a class of works, which it is not the policy of the Directors of the Athenæum, with their present limited means, to spend largely for. It is to be hoped that the time may come, with the increasing prosperity of the Institution, when there shall be a fund devoted exclusively to the purchase of works of art; but until that time arrives, the Athenæum must be dependent upon individual liberality for any important increase in this direction.

From the Hon. Philip Allen, and the Hon. James F. Simmons, of the United States Senate, and the Hon. Nathaniel B. Durfee, of the House of Representatives, valuable Congressional documents have been received. The thanks of the stockholders are also due to the following gentlemen and societies, for various donations:—

<p>A. D. Bache, U. S. Coast Survey, John Bartlett, Cambridge, Mass., John R. Bartlett, Alexis Caswell, Henry T. Beckwith, Alexander T. Britton, William Gammell, A. E. Macomber, Dexter M. Leonard, Wm. J. Moore, Norfolk, Va., Mrs. J. A. Eames, John Hickcox, Albany, William Douglas, Charles W. Parsons, Edwin M. Snow, Henry B. Pearson, Francis Wayland, J. D. Hedge, Little, Brown & Co., David Kimball & Co., The State of Rhode Island, City of Providence, Philadelphia Library Co., U. S. Patent Office,</p>	<p>Franklin Lyceum, Newark Library Association, Mercantile Library, Philadelphia, Trustees N. York State Library, Young Men's Library Association, Cincinnatti, Free Public Library, N. Orleans, First Baptist Church, Providence, St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, Young Men's Association, Buffalo, Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mercantile Library Association, New York, Worcester Lyceum and Library Association, American Association for the advancement of Science, American Antiquarian Society, Boston Mercantile Library Association.</p>
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An attempt has been made to satisfy the curious, by analyzing the books read, and, as far as practicable, determining the popularity of the different authors, in this community. Although the number of stockholders is larger than it was last year, there were fewer shares used; owing, probably, to the absence from the city, of the owners of shares. The whole number of shares used, was 546, out of 572, the entire number of shares at the beginning of the year. On these shares, there have been delivered nineteen thousand two hundred and eighty-nine volumes; or, an average of a little more than 35 volumes per share. The use of these shares has been very unequal: while but a single volume has been delivered on some, as many as one hundred and fifty have been delivered on others. The reading season seems to keep an even pace with the natural season, increasing regularly with the increasing cold.

The year began with an average delivery, per day, of 56½ volumes, during the month of October, and continued steadily increasing, until, in the month of February, it attained an average delivery, of 76½ volumes, per day. From that time, the average diminished steadily, to the close of the year, when it was 51½.

The books delivered may be classified as follows :

Whole number of volumes issued	-	-	19,289
FICTION	-	-	9,214
BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY	-	-	2,971
VOYAGES AND TRAVELS	-	-	1,865
POETRY AND BELLE LETTRES	-	-	1,774
ART, SCIENCE AND LAW	-	-	1,087
RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY	-	-	873
PERIODICAL & MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE			1,505
			<hr/> 19,289

By referring to the Report of last year, it will be seen that there is a slight falling off in the readers of Fiction; a considerable decrease in the readers of Periodical Literature; and a decided increase of the readers of Biography and History, and of Voyages and Travels. It is gratifying to notice this increase in the demand for better classes of books; which may be accounted for, by the fact, that more books have been added, during the past year, in the two departments referred to, than in any other.

From an estimate by the delivery of their works, the following is the order in which the authors, here mentioned, are ranked by our reading community: or rather, we should say, by those who use the books in the Athenæum Library. First, Sir Walter Scott; next, Simms, Cooper and Dickens, with not ten volumes difference between them; Irving

stands next; then Mrs. Stowe; after her, Prescott, the historian, Charlotte Brontë and Mrs. Hentz; then Bulwer, Longfellow, Willis, Kingsley, Thackeray, Abbott, Macaulay, James, Bayard Taylor, Curtis, Hawthorne and Bancroft, in the order in which we have placed them. As some consolation to those who stand last in this list, it is proper to state, that Shakespeare, if enumerated, would have to take his stand after the last of them. This apparent anomaly is only to be accounted for, by the supposition that this author is to be found on the shelves of almost every one.

It should be remembered, in connexion with the classes of books taken out, in which that of Fiction so greatly preponderates, that many proprietors of shares possess very considerable private collections of books; and perhaps the larger number of the actual readers, although not owning large libraries, do possess more or less of the standard works. These are not often the buyers of works of fiction or ephemeral literature, and rely upon the Library of the Athenæum for them. This sufficiently accounts for the limited demand from the Athenæum for standard works in History, Biography, and other higher departments of literature.

A very slight circumstance will serve to turn the current of taste of our reading public, into a particular channel; and a newspaper discussion, or a popular lecturer sensibly influences the demands for the books on our shelves. The publication of Dr. Kane's travels, and the discussion about the "cold term," gave a great impulse to the demand for Arctic adventures; and the course of lectures given by a celebrated astronomer during the last winter, kept our shelves bare, for a time, of all astronomical works. The

reading year commenced simultaneously with the publication of "Dred," by Mrs. Stowe; and, for a month or two, the demand for the works of that authoress was commensurate with that for the works of Scott; but before the close of the year, it had dwindled below that of the lowest on our list; while on the other hand, the demand for the works of Charlotte Brontë, owing to the publication of her life by Mrs. Gaskell, has increased in nearly the same ratio. Such writers as Scott and Cooper, Irving and Dickens, are the general favorites, and the call for them appears to be about as great at one time as another.

The customary examination of the condition of the Library has just taken place, by a committee of the Directors, consisting of Messrs. Samuel W. Peckham and Henry T. Beckwith, who report that the books are generally in good order, a few only being defaced, and some others requiring binding. There is, perhaps, no more injury in this way, however, than might be expected from so constant a use as is made of the Library.

Seven books, only, are not to be found on the shelves, nor charged to any one. These are all books which can be easily replaced, and are not of much value.

The Committee report that, in the East Basement Room, both in the cases and in the drawers, the books exhibit marks of injury from dampness, which, if allowed to continue, may become serious and irreparable. The early attention of the Board will be given to this matter.

During the past summer, the zinc covering of the roof, which had been in use since the erection of the building, and had never been a perfect protection from leakage, and which was yearly becoming more defective, has been removed, and Warren's Felt and Composition Fire and Water

Proof Roofing substituted in its place—the old zinc selling for about fifteen dollars more than the cost of the new covering. Repairs have also been made on the conductors, eaves-troughs, chimneys, &c., and a sky-light in the roof, and other arrangements for lighting and ventilating the Gallery, have been made, and additional shelves have been put up in the Gallery, for books and pamphlets. These repairs, alterations, and improvements have been made at an expense of about four hundred and forty dollars.

The sidewalk on College Street has been widened and newly gravelled by the City, and has been furnished with new curb-stones.

As will be stated in the Report of your Treasurer, the receipts for the year, including the balance on hand at the close of the last year, amount to \$4,552.53, and the payments to \$4,293.97; of which \$1,686.33 were for books; \$422.07 were for Periodicals, Binding, Engravings and Maps, and \$2,185.57 for all other purposes, the particulars of which are given in the Treasurer's Report; leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$258.56.

There are, however, outstanding bills, for repairs on the Roof and alterations in the Gallery, and for new curb-stone, before mentioned, amounting to about five hundred dollars, the payment of which will make a balance against the Treasury of about \$250.

The Directors therefore recommend the assessment of the usual tax of five dollars on each share, for the coming year.

The Board cannot close this report without mention of the loss which the Athenæum has met with in the decease of Mr. Moses B. Ives, one of its earliest and most munificent patrons. Mr. Ives was elected the first President of

the Athenæum, and although he declined to accept the honorable place thus tendered to him, he ever manifested the most lively interest in the institution.

Signed for and in behalf of the Board,

WM. S. PATTEN, *President*,

SAMUEL W. PECKHAM, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Proprietors of the Providence Athenæum :

The Treasurer reports as follows :

There was on hand, 22d September, 1856 520.76

The Receipts for the year have been as follows :

For fines	133.27
For dividends on invested funds	710.00
For taxes on 572 shares	2860.00
For eight shares sold at \$15 each	120.00
For zinc from roof	208.50
	4031.77
	\$4552.53

The payments for the same period have been—

For books	1686.33
For periodicals	255.87
For binding books	139.20
For engravings and maps	27.00
For salaries	1373.00
For new covering for roof	193.66
For alterations and repairs	106.76
For carpeting	50.73
For fuel	137.50
For gas and oil	43.73
For collecting assessments	63.87
For insurance	68.00
For printing and advertising	52.52
For postages and express	42.40
For blank books and stationery	24.15
For watering streets and sundries	29.25

Expenditures, 4293.97

Cash on hand, 258.56

\$4552.53

The number of shares issued 22d Sept., 1856, was 572

The number issued the past year is 8

Making at the present time 580

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. BECKWITH, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, 28th September, 1857.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

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SEPTEMBER 28th, 1857.

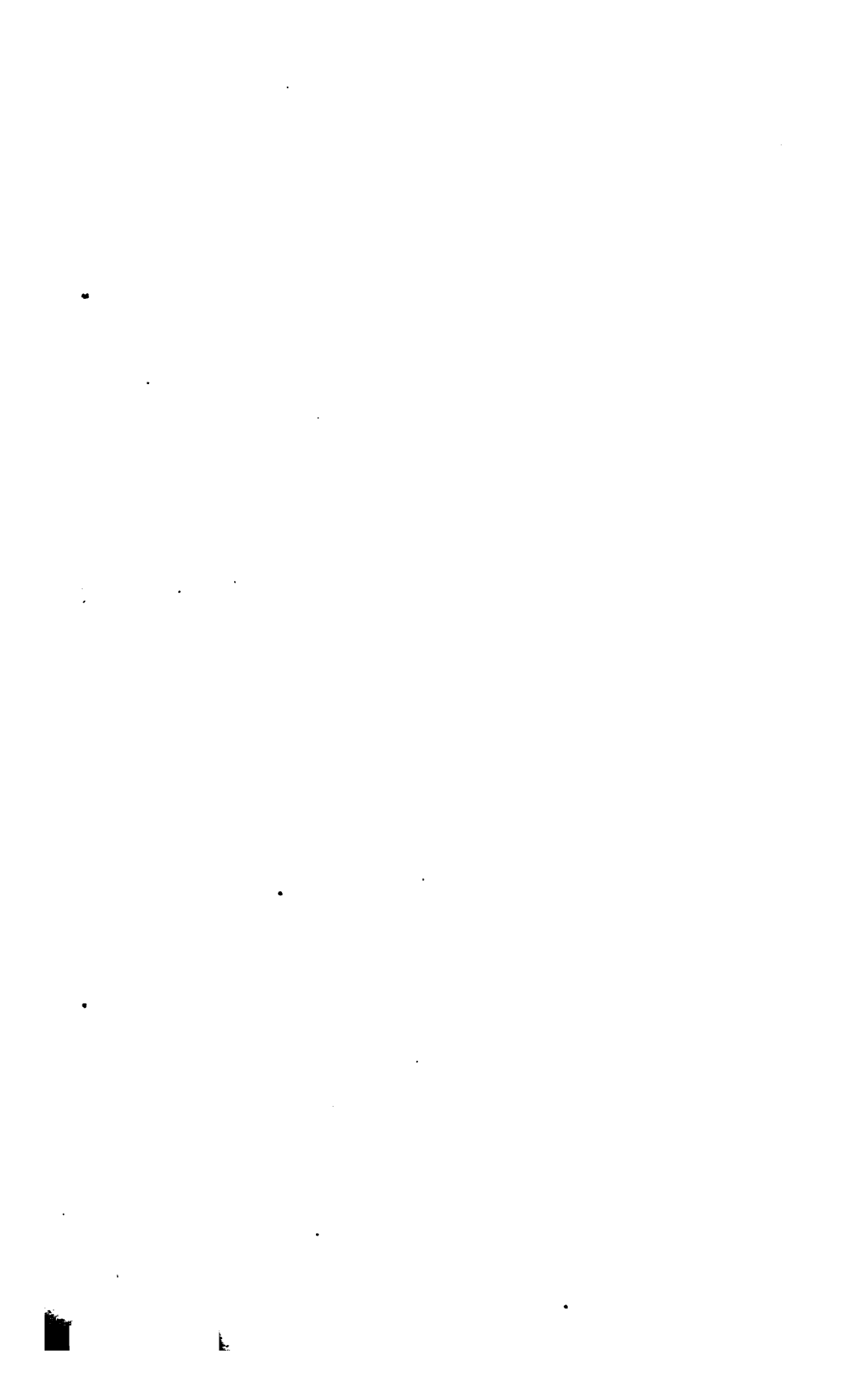
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Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Aborn John W.*	38	Balch John E.	339
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Balch Joseph	205
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Allen Samuel	449	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Allen William C.*	133	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Allen Zachariah	8	Beckwith Truman	19
Almy Benjamin R. (New Bedford)	541	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Ames Samuel	171	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Amory J. Austin	290	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Andrews Hetsey, executrix	348	Bennet Preston	578
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Binney William	558
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Angell Daniel	415	Blanding William B.	499
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Anthony Burrington*	359	Borden Jefferson (do.)	143
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Anthony James G.	193	Bowen Henry	198
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Bowen Henry L.	312
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Bowen Tully D.	130
Aplin Charles	453	Bowler Charles L.	188
Arnold Benjamin	223	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Charles	106	Bradford Mary W.	426
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold George C.	103	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Brastow Frank	291
Arnold Richard J.	40	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Briggs Samuel A.	533
Arnold Stephen (s. o.)	34	Brown Henry T.	510
Arnold Welcome	142	Brown Isaac	245
Atwater Joseph H.	157	Brown John C.	77
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Joseph R.	450
		Brown Moses*	1
		Brown Nathaniel W.	200
Bailey Benjamin D.	493	Brown Nicholas Jr.	547
Bailey William M.	165	Brown Thomas	212

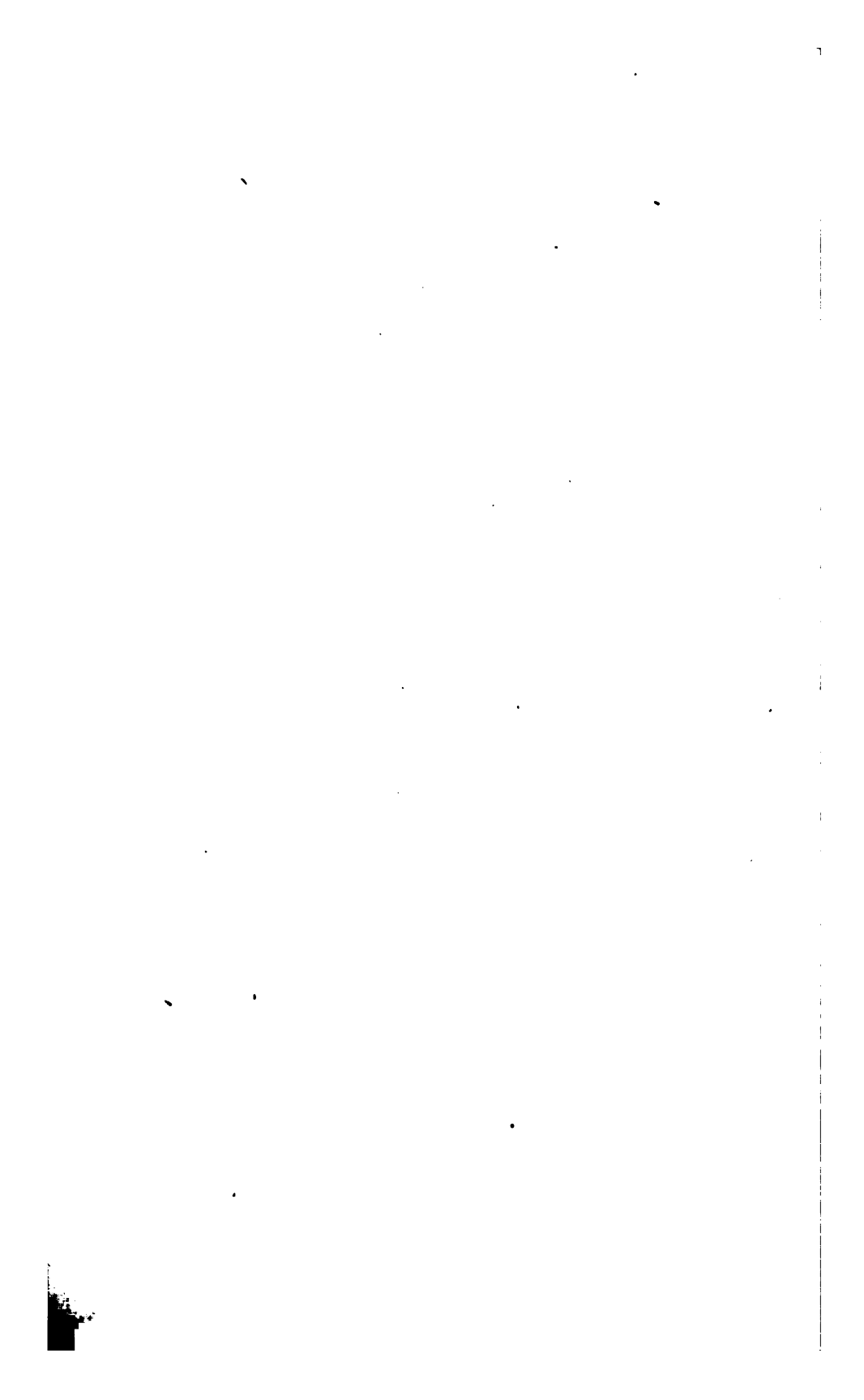
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Brown William	324	Cross James M.	561
Brown William Whipple	466	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brown Zephaniah	358		
Brownell Richmond	160	Dana George	395
Brown Il Sylvester	452	Daniels Dexter	484
Bucklin James C.	373	Daniels George M.	28
Bucklin Simon S.	42	Darling Levi B.	572
Buel Rufus F.	573	Dart William H.	128
Buffum Benjamin	52	Davis John W.	461
Bullock Julia	502	Davis Thomas	173
Bullock William P.	144	Day Daniel	93
Burdick William B.*	402	Day Israel H.	203
Burges Walter S.	78	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Burgess Frederick	76	Dexter Samuel	95
Burgess Thomas M.*	357	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Burr Henry A.	162	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Burrough Joseph	388	Dike Arba B.	483
Burrough Martha H.	367	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dorrance Tully	244
Bush Marcus A.	104	Dorrance William T.	92
Bush Richard W.	91	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Butler Cyrus*	7	Drown William H.	338
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Duncan Alexander	12
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dunn Robinson P.	393
		Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dunnell Mary	235
Calder Albert L.	274	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Dunwell James P.	412
Carpenter Earl	486	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Carpenter Sturgis P.	549	Dyer Benjamin	131
Caswell Alexis	270	Dyer Charles	239
Central Baptist Society	307	Dyer Cyrus	302
Central Congregational Society	49	Dyer Elisha	159
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dyer John	21
Chace William M.	176		
Chapin Amory*	94	Eames James	97
Chapin George W.	337	Eames Jane A.	487
Chapin Joshua B.	423	Eames Laura C.	107
Chapin Royal	424	Earle Amey Ann	370
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Earle George	206
Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529	Earle William	474
Child Lewis P.	345	Eddy Nelson S.*	417
Childs Charles H.	208	Ellis William Irving	543
Church Peter	217	Ely James W. C.	545
Clark Thomas M.	411	Evans Rowland	333
Clarke James M.	501	Everett Amherst	238
Clarke John H.	313		
Cleveland Almira A.	129		
Clifford Lewis W.*	47	Farnum Alexander	557
Collins George L.	526	Field Daniel	26
Congdon Gilbert	72	Field John Albert	209
Congdon Henry R.	514	Field John Allen	443
Congdon Welcome	257	Field William	15
Cook Caleb C.	342	First Baptist Church	405
Cook Stephen	433	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Cooke Joseph J.	565	First Universalist Society of Prov.	586
Corliss George H.	360	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Cornett Henry T.	265	Fisher Cyrus	147
Cory Thomas M.	153	Fletcher Thomas	300
Cowell Benjamin	326	Fletcher William	368
Cowing Ward, children	391	Foster Samuel	576
Cozens Benjamin	23	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Crane Jonathan (Attleboro')	455	Franklin Henry P.*	18
Cranston Barzillai	254	French William S.	318
Crocker Nathan B.	296	Friendship St. Baptist Church	539
Cross Frances E.	225	Fuller Frederick	560

Gallup Albert S.	503	Howland John A.	192
Gammell William	286	Hoyt Charles N.	264
Gardiner Walter E.	152	Hudson Henry E.	241
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Humphry Walker	475
Giles Henry H.	377	Hunt George	364
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hunt William A.	189
Gladding John C.	235	Hutchins Shubael	123
Gladding Royal P.	469	Hutchins Sterna	175
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354	Hutchison James	513
Glezen Eben K.	407		
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Ives Hope*	404
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Moses B.*	3
Goodhue Daniel T.	341	Ives Robert H.	4
Goodwin Daniel	315		
Gorham Jabez	45		
Gorham John	427	Jacobs Henry	64
Greene Albert C. Cashier	492	Jackson Charles	470
Greene Albert G.	332	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Richard W.	73	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Rufus	444	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Scott	166	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Simon H. (Warwick)	43	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Warren A.	515	Jolls John F.	432
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene William Albert*	187	Jones John D.	472
Grinnell George	229	Joslin Joseph A. D.	473
Grinnell William T.	86		
Grover Zuinglius	418	Keith Christopher T.	507
Gurney Austin	117	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
		Kelly Wilber*	125
Haines William S.	102	Kendall Henry L.	66
Hale Isaac	382	Kimball Jerome B.	149
Hall Edward B.	263	King William J.	571
Hall George W.	406	Kingsbury John	214
Hallet George W.	37	Knight Henry P.*	233
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Knight Nehemiah R.*	83
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Knowles Edward P.	488
Harkness Thomas	33	Knowles John P.	71
Harris Caleb	170	Knowles John P. trustee	262
Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127	Knowles Joseph	268
Harris Phebe	457		
Harris Stephen	221	Larchar John	39
Hart Charles	553	Larned George	219
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Larned Samuel*	306
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Leete George A. (New York)	261
Hawes Arnold C.	207	Leonard Dexter M.	179
Hay John M.	546	Lewis Dexter B.	195
Hayes Wingate	93	Lincoln John L.	119
Hedge Frederick H. (Brookline)	523	Lippitt Albert D.	567
Hedge J. Dunham	309	Lippitt Charles*	460
Helme William H.	550	Lippitt Christopher	150
Hemreshoff John B. (Bristol)	289	Lippitt Henry	68
Hill Hiram	163	Lippitt Robert L.	353
Hill Paris	134	Llewlin James M.	448
Hill Thomas J.	363	Lockwood Moses B.	351
Hilton William D.	114	Lothrop Henry W.	140
Hodges Isaac A.	468	Love Mary Ann	396
Holden Charles	29	Lyman Henry B.	67
Hoppin George H.	430	Lyman John W.	126
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51		
Hoppin William W.	283	Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25
Hoskins James B.	294	Manton Amasa	24
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230	Manton Crawford J. (Smithfield)	397
Howard William A.	75		

Manton Robert	400	Pearson Robert A.	451
Manton Walter	410	Peck Allen O.	211
Martin Cornelia J.	387	Peck George B.	376
Martin Joseph	456	Peckham Abner*	446
Mason Earl P.	258	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason George	81	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mason Henry W.	285	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mason William H.	331	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Perry Amos (New London)	458
Mathewson Rollin	421	Pierce Asa	218
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Pike Charles F.	548
Mathewson Thomas	544	Pike Jonathan	447
Mauran Abby	62	Pitman John	63
Mauran Augustus C.	551	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Mauran Eliza Y. guardian	537	Potter Alfred	120
Mauran Joseph	243	Potter Americus V.	239
Mauran Suchet	132	Potter Charles*	55
McKay William A.	80	Potter Christopher C.	459
McKnight Charles G.	327	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Mead Marshall B.	508	Potter Roger Williams	109
Merrill William S.	314	Potter William H.	139
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Power St. Meth. Episcopal Church	361
Metcalf Joel	70	Pratt Peter*	17
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Pratt William H.	495
Metcalf Whiting*	422	Prescott Henry A.	442
Miller Edward F.	330	Proud Isaac	482
Miller Frederick	518		
Miller Lewis L.	146	Randolph John R.	621
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Rathbone George S.	210
Mowry William G. R.	10	Rathbone Stephen K.	20
		Rathbone William P.	118
Newcomb Rhoda	362	Rawson Henry M.	344
Nichols Emeline B.	577	Ray Isaac	435
Nichols J. Basset	311	Read Francis	434
Nightingale Edwin J.	299	Read James H.	84
Nightingale George C.	113	Read John M. Jr.	65
		Reynolds John	320
Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292	Reynolds Mary E.	403
Olney Stephen T.	186	Rhodes Henry A.	322
Ormsbee John H.	228	Rhodes James T.	232
Ormsbee John S.	347	Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Osborn William	310	Rhodes Thomas H.	334
Owen Ezekiel	54	Richardson Henry	231
Owen George	401	Richmond Franklin	121
Owen Smith	389	Richmond George G.	534
		Richmond George M.	46
Pabodie Benjamin G.	85	Richmond Harriet T.	525
Pabodie Charles A.	96	Richmond Lewis	479
Padelford Seth	111	Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494
Paige George*	462	Rivers Mary	531
Paine Anasa	115	Robinson William A.	489
Paine Daniel	328	Rodman William M.	196
Palmer John B.	500	Rogers Henry A.	57
Palmer Richard	575	Rogers Horatio	400
Parkhurst Charles H.	374	Rogers Joseph	301
Parkhurst William H.	155	Rounds John M.	83
Parsons Charles W.	35		
Parsons Usher	375	Sabin Charles	201
Patten William S.	237	Sacket Adnah	317
Payne Abraham	497	Salisbury Samuel S.	425
Pearce Edward	185	Sanford William	284
Pearce Edward D.	321	Sayles Welcome B.	172
Pearce Thomas*	30	Seagrave Edward	532





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(R.I.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 27, 1858.



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TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

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TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

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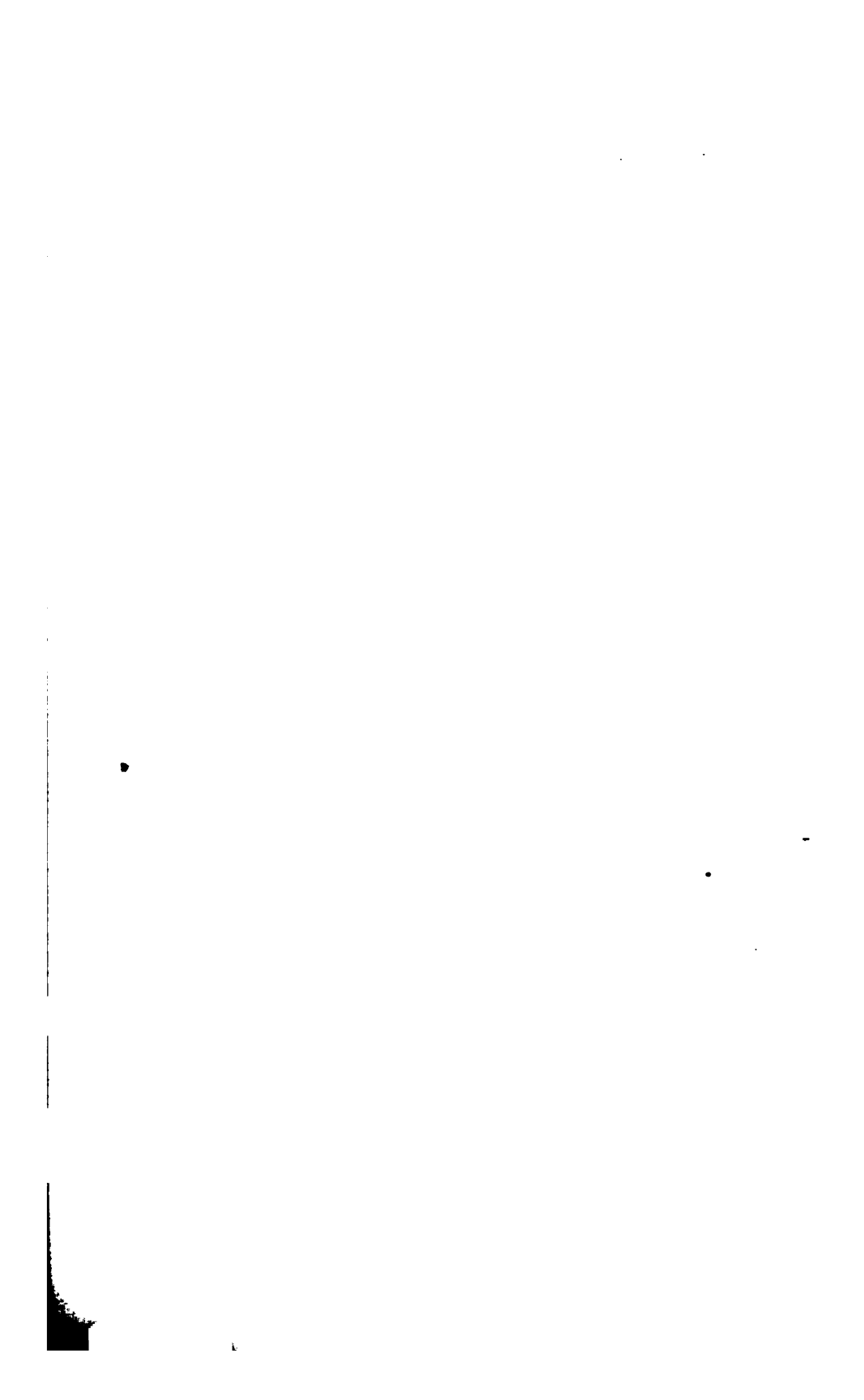
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R E P O R T .

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM beg leave to submit to the stockholders of the institution their twenty-third annual REPORT.

In considering the present condition of the Athenæum, and its progress during the past year, it should be borne in mind that it has been one of unusual distress and embarrassment. The storm of adversity which has swept over the commercial world, has not been without its influence on the affairs of our Literary Institution. It has not only proved injurious to it by interfering with, and curtailing the transactions of booksellers and publishers, but it seems as though literature itself had languished for want of its usual patronage. The number of books published during the past year, whether new or old, has been unusually small. Under such a state of affairs it has not always been easy to supply the wants of the reading public, particularly of that portion of it which is always eager for something new.

Heretofore, the Athenæum, in making purchases of books, has often availed itself of the auction sales of valuable

libraries, at which the best books are often procured at very moderate prices. During the past year, no such opportunities have been offered, and the purchases have been exclusively made from booksellers. The additions to the Library, therefore, as might be expected, have not been so large as usual, the whole number of volumes added being seven hundred and seventy-three, and of pamphlets, seventy-three. Of these there were added—

By purchase	-	-	-	-	594
By donation	-	-	-	-	83
					— 677
By binding of periodicals	-	-			96
					— 773

Of the pamphlets there were added—

By purchase	-	-	-	-	32
By donation	-	-	-	-	35
					— 67

The additions consist of—

Folios	-	-	-	-	24
Quartos	-	-	-	-	79
Octavos	-	-	-	-	411
Duodecimos and under	-	-			259
					— 773

The number of volumes in the library at the presentation of the last report, was	-	-	-	21,829
Additions during the present year	-	-		773
				—
Making the whole number	-	-	-	22,602

But while the additions have not been so numerous as in the average of former years, it is believed that they fully equal, if not exceed them in value. At least one-fifth of the books purchased have been costly works, and among them are included many valuable works of reference, aver-

aging more than four dollars per volume. Perhaps it may be as well to mention a few of the more important of them.

THE ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA. Eighth edition, 4to. Edinburgh.

This work, which stands confessedly high among British Encyclopædias, is edited by Professor T. S. Trail, of Edinburgh. It is the embodiment of the knowledge of the present age, in arts, science and general literature, and is to be completed in twenty-one volumes, sixteen of which are now published.

CYCLOPÆDIA OF USEFUL ARTS, mechanical and chemical, manufactures, mining and engineering. Edited by Charles Tomlinson, 2 vols. Roy. 8vo. London.

THE NEW AMERICAN CYCLOPÆDIA. Edited by George Ripley and Charles A. Dana. Vols. I. to III. [all yet published.] Large 8vo. New York, 1858.

A CYCLOPÆDIA OF COMMERCE AND COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION. Edited by J. Smith Homans and J. Smith Homans, Jr. Roy. 8vo. New York, 1858.

THE PERCY SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS. 30 vols. post. 8vo. London, 1840–52. This is a collection of the early English poetry, ballads, and popular literature of the middle ages. Together with the “Shakspeare Society Publications,” of which the Athenæum has a complete set, they afford the best illustrative commentary to Shakspeare, and the writers of the Elizabethan age, and open up the sources from which they derived much of their materials. The study of them gives one a better idea of the state of society, and the manners and customs of the “olden time,” than can be obtained from any other source.

MANY THOUGHTS ON MANY THINGS. By Henry Southgate. 4to. London, 1858.

THE COSTUME OF GREAT BRITAIN. By W. H. Pyne. 4to. London.

THE OLD MANSIONS OF ENGLAND. By S. C. Hall. 4to. London.

IRELAND, ITS SCENERY, CHARACTER, ETC. By Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall. 3 vols. Roy. 8vo. London.

CHINA, ITS SCENERY, ARCHITECTURE, ETC. Illustrated by Allom. 4 vols. 4to. London.

GALLERIES AND CABINETS OF ART IN GREAT BRITAIN. By Dr. Waagen. 8vo. London.

HISTORY OF ANCIENT POTTERY. By Samuel Birch. 2 vols. 8vo. London.

HOMER AND THE HOMERIC AGE. By Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone. 3 vols. 8vo. Oxford.

THE HISTORY OF HERODOTUS. A new translation by George Rawlinson, and Sir Henry and Sir J. G. Wilkinson. Vols. I and II. 8vo. London.

THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE WAR AGAINST RUSSIA. By Dr. Nolan. 2 vols. Roy. 8vo. London.

MISSIONARY TRAVELS AND RESEARCHES IN SOUTH AFRICA. By Dr. Livingstone. 8vo. London.

THE WILD SPORTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. By Capt. Wm. C. Harris. Fifth edition. Roy. 8vo. London.

A VISIT TO THE INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO. By Captain, the Hon. Henry Keppell. Roy. 8vo. London.

But it is in the department of the Natural Sciences that the most valuable additions have been made.

Among them are—

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. By Louis Agassiz. Vols. I. and II. 4to. Boston.

THE CONCHOLOGICAL ILLUSTRATIONS. By G. B. Sowerby, Jr. 8vo. London.

EXOTIC FLORA. By William Jackson Hooker. 3 vols. Roy. 8vo. Edinburgh.

SCOTTISH CRYPTOGRAMIC FLORA. By Robert Kaye Greville. 6 vols. 8vo. Edinburgh.

INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOGRAMIC BOTANY. By M. J. Berkeley. 8vo. London.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF BRITISH ENTOMOLOGY. By James F. Stephens. 12 vols. 8vo. London.

And many others.

The same remark that was made with regard to the books purchased, will apply to those added by donation,—that though fewer in number, they are not inferior in value to those of former years.

Among them are—

PITTURE A FRÈSCO DEL CAMPO SANTO DI PISA. Da Carlo Lasinio. Imperial Folio, Firenze, 1812.

STORIA DELLA PITTURA ITALIANA. Da Giovanni Rosini. 7 vols. 8vo. and 5 vols. Folio. Pisa, 1839–55.

STORIA DELLA SCULTURA. Da Conte Leopoldo Cicognara.
7 vols. 8vo. and 3 vols. folio. Prato, 1823-24.

The above valuable works were the gift of our fellow citizen, Mr. Seth Padelford. As most of the stockholders have availed themselves of the opportunity to examine them, and as special notice was made of them, at the time of their reception, in the Providence Daily Journal, it is unnecessary to give a further description of them here.

In our last annual report, it was stated that it was not the policy of the Athenæum, with its present limited means, to spend largely for works of art; but it must depend mainly upon individual liberality for any important increase in this direction. In the letter announcing his donation, Mr. Padelford says that he had often wished, while viewing the wealth of art in the old world, that he could, in some way, make his fellow citizens partakers of the pleasures he enjoyed. When this report met his eye, in a copy of the Providence Journal, in Florence, he immediately improved the opportunity offered of carrying out his views. The ready response which the suggestion of the directors met with at his hands, is most honorable to him. Were the representatives, who are abroad, of our good city, animated by a similar spirit, they might establish here a treasury of art, which would always remind them of the pleasures of their travels, and confer an incalculable benefit upon such of their fellow citizens as remain at home.

From the Regents of the University, ex-officio Trustees of the State Library, in behalf of the State of New York, the Athenæum has received—

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE COLONIAL HISTORY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK, ETC. 10 vols. 4to. Albany, 1856-58.

CENSUS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR 1858. By Franklin B. Hough. Folio, Albany.

RESULTS OF A SERIES OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, ETC. By Franklin B. Hough. 4to. Albany.

To the Senators and Representatives of the State of Rhode Island, in Congress, the thanks of the proprietors are due, for valuable Congressional Documents. Donations have also been received from the following individuals and societies :—

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The number of shares used, during the year, was five hundred and forty-six,—the same number as was in use last year; but there has been a great increase in the amount of

books delivered. The number of volumes issued was twenty-one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-eight, being an average of forty volumes to a share; while the average of volumes delivered on the shares, last year, was but about thirty-five. The largest number delivered on any one share, during the year, was 148 volumes. The largest number delivered on any one day was 215, on the second of January. The largest in any month, 2,166, in November, being an average of $90\frac{1}{2}$ volumes per day.

The following table will show the character of the books read:—

FICTION	-	-	-	-	-	10,955
BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY	-	-				3,298
VOYAGES AND TRAVELS	-	-				1,703
POETRY AND BELLE LETTRES	-	-				1,714
ART, SCIENCE AND LAW	-	-	-			1,004
RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY	-	-				1,068
PERIODICAL LITERATURE	-	-				1,169
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-		927
						<hr/> 21,838

The increase in the amount of reading, as indicated by the delivery of books, is quite remarkable, being one-seventh over that of last year. It is believed that forty volumes to a share is quite an unusual average. It is one quarter larger than that given in the returns of some of the important popular English libraries, and probably much larger than our own records would generally exhibit. The cause of this uncommon devotion to literary pursuits, is undoubtedly to be found in the general stagnation in business, and dearth of amusements, which has existed during

the past year. It is one of the sweet "uses of adversity," which affords those who, by misfortune, have been deprived of their customary employment, an opportunity to find solace and occupation, if not instruction, in their application to books.

Had we the data at hand, it would be curious to enquire whether a similar result has obtained in any of our sister cities.

By referring to the table above, it will be seen that the readers of Fiction occupy the field, in force. Scott and Dickens, Cooper and Simms, Marryatt and Mayne Reid, Miss Mulock, Miss Sewall and Miss Yonge are in constant requisition, while Hume and Gibbon, and even Shakspeare and Milton, are almost forgotten. Macaulay is more in demand for his "Lays" and his essays, than his history. Prescott alone, of the historians, can be said to be popular. His delightful histories, which read like romances, must ever be favorites. The past is almost entirely ignored by readers; that which is novel only is sought after. That light reading should be so popular, is not to be wondered at, when it is considered that a great majority of our readers are the young, who are ever more ready to indulge in what D'Israeli calls the "facile pleasures of perception," than in the laborious investigation of truth. Sir Walter Scott, in his earliest novel, remarks upon the injurious tendency of this habit of reading only for amusement; and they who are in danger of becoming confirmed novel-readers, would do well to read and ponder seriously upon the third chapter of Waverley.

From the Treasurer's Report we gather the following account of the receipts and expenditures :

Receipts for the year	-	\$3,968 82	
Payments	- - -	3,836 81	
Balance to new account		————	\$132 01

The principal items of expenditure, which are given in detail in the Treasurer's Report, have been

Additions to library and binding	\$1,319 08	
Salaries - - - -	1,420 00	
Alterations and repairs incurred		
in summer of 1857 -	668 97	
All other items, printing, gas, fuel,		
insurance, etc. - -	428 76	
	————	\$3,836 81

The invested funds are as heretofore, viz :—

74 shares Blackstone Canal Bank stock, par value - - - -	1,850 00	
63 shares American Bank - -	3,150 00	
	————	\$5,000 00
Butler Donation, invested in Providence and Worcester Railroad Co. Bonds, six bonds for \$1000 each, payable in 1860	6,000 00	
	————	\$11,000 00

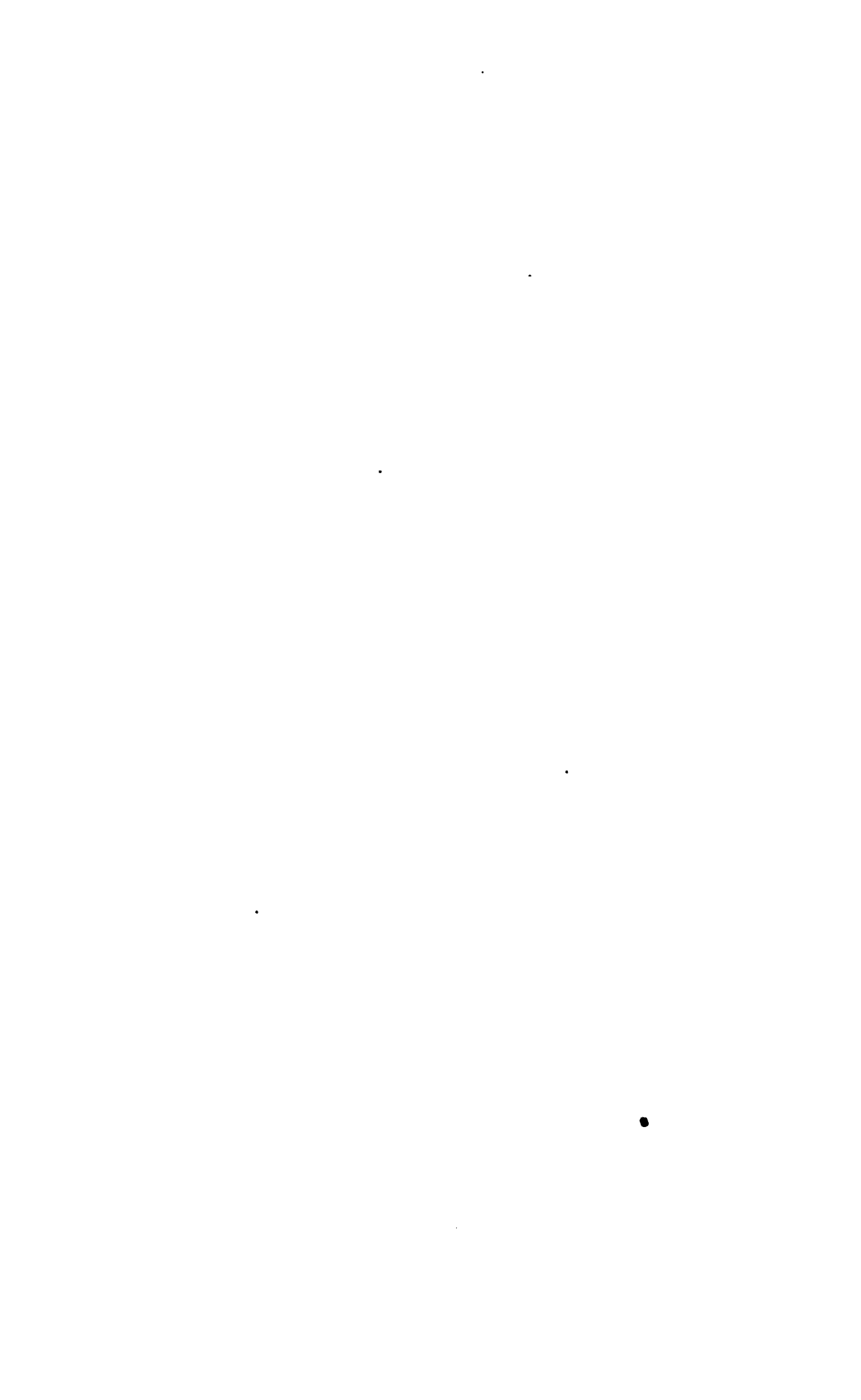
The committee appointed by the directors, to examine the books in the library, and report on the condition of the same, has attended to the duty assigned it, and reports the books to be in good order. Those missing from the

shelves, or lost, are but seven, all of which are small, of little value, and easily replaced. When we take into consideration that nearly 22,000 volumes have been issued during the year, this result is very satisfactory. It is quite probable, too, as on former occasions, when books were missing, that several of them may yet be found or returned.

Signed for and in behalf of the Board,

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*



TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Proprietors of the Providence Athenæum :

The Treasurer reports as follows :

There was on hand, 26th September, 1857 - - - - 258.56

The Receipts for the year have been as follows :

For fines - - - - -	94.26
For dividends on invested funds - - - - -	710.00
For taxes on 580 shares - - - - -	2900.00
For three Catalogues sold, at \$2 each - - - - -	6.00
	3710.26

\$3968.82

The payments for the same period have been—

For books - - - - -	859.27
For periodicals - - - - -	297.92
For binding books - - - - -	145.02
For pictures and maps - - - - -	16.87
For salaries - - - - -	1420.00
For alterations in gallery - - - - -	377.65
For heating apparatus - - - - -	114.06
For curb stones and sidewalk - - - - -	103.25
For repairs - - - - -	74.01
For fuel - - - - -	127.52
For gas - - - - -	45.30
For insurance - - - - -	72.50
For collecting assessments - - - - -	63.00
For printing and advertising - - - - -	40.34
For stationery and express - - - - -	41.38
For postages and sundries - - - - -	38.72

Expenditures - - - - 3836.81

Cash on hand - - - - 132.01

\$3968.82

The number of shares is 580, the same as reported at the last annual meeting, none having been issued during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. BECKWITH, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, 27th September, 1858.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 27th, 1858.

	Share No.		
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Aborn James A.	162	Balch John R.	339
Aborn John W.*	38	Balch Joseph	205
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Balch Joseph P.	419
Adams George J.	105	Ballou Hosea Jr.*	169
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Barker Frederick A.	520
Adie Alexander F.	517	Barker Joseph A.	252
Adler Charles A.	450	Barstow Amos C.	369
Akerman Charles	350	Barstow Ephraim R.	555
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Barstow John	310
Allen Candace	380	Bartlett George	178
Allen Charles B.	50	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Crawford	6	Bates Varnum J.	325
Allen Philip	9	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Allen Samuel	449	Beckwith Truman	19
Allen William C.*	133	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Allen Zachariah	8	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Ames Samuel	171	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Bennet Preston	578
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Binney William	558
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Bishop Nathaniel	471
Angell Daniel	415	Blanding William B.	499
Angell Henrietta K.	167	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Angell John W.	287	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Anthony Burrington*	359	Borden Jefferson (do.)	143
Anthony Henry	44	Bourn Benjamin M.	512
Anthony Henry B.	414	Bourn William B. (San Francisco.)	267
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Bowen Henry	198
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Bowen Henry L.	312
Aplin Charles	453	Bowen Tully D.	130
Arnold Benjamin	223	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Charles	106	Bradford Mary W.	426
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold George C.	103	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold Job	570	Brastow Frank	291
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Arnold Richard J.	40	Brown Henry T.	510
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Brown Isaac	245
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Brown John C.	77
Arnold Welcome	142	Brown Joseph R.	480
Atwater Joseph H.	157	Brown Moses*	1
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Nathaniel W.	200
		Brown Nicholas Jr.	547
Bailey Benjamin D.	493	Brown Thomas	212
Bailey William M.	165	Brown William	324

*Deceased

Brown William Waterman	219	Cranston Barzillai	254
Brown William Whipple	466	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross Frances E.	225
Brownell Richmond	160	Crout Antonio L.*	446
Brownell Sylvester	452	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Bucklin James C.	373		
Bucklin Simon S.	42		
Buel Rufus F.	573	Dana George	395
Buffum Benjamin	52	Daniels Dexter	484
Bullock Julia	502	Daniels George M.	28
Bullock Mary Ann	396	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock William P.	144	Dart William H.	128
Burges Walter S.	78	Davis John W.	461
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis Thomas	173
Burgess Thomas M.*	357	Day Daniel	93
Burrough Joseph	388	Day Israel H.	203
Burrough Martha H.	367	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Bush Patience M.	206	Dexter Samuel	95
Bush Richard W.	91	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dike Arba B.	483
Butts Frank	397	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dorrance Tully	244
		Dorrance William T.	92
Cady Shubael H.	536	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Calder Albert L.	274	Drown William H.	338
Carille Elizabeth	441	Duncan Alexander	12
Carlton George E.	327	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Carpenter Earl	486	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Carpenter Sturgis P.	549	Dunnell Mary	235
Caswell Alexis	270	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunwell James P.	412
Central Congregational Society	49	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chace William M.	176	Dyer Charles	259
Chambers Robert B.	443	Dyer Cyrus	302
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer John	21
Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423		
Chapin Royal	424	Eames Jane A.	487
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Eames Laura C.	107
Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529	Earle Amey Ann	370
Child Lewis P.	345	Earle William	474
Childs Charles H.	208	Eddy Nelson S.*	417
Church Peter	217	Ellis William Irving	543
Claffin George L.	482	Ely James W. C.	545
Clark Thomas M.	411	Evans Rowland	333
Clarke James M.	501	Everett Amherst	238
Clarke John H.	313		
Cleveland Almira A.	129		
Clifford Lewis W.*	47	Farnum Alexander	557
Collins George L.	526	Field Daniel	26
Congdon Gilbert	72	Field John A.	209
Congdon Henry R.	514	Field William	15
Congdon Welcome	257	First Baptist Church	405
Cook Caleb C.	352	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	560
Cook Stephen	433	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Cooke Joseph J.	565	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Corliss George H.	360	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Cornett Henry T.	265	Fisher Cyrus	147
Cory Thomas M.	153	Fletcher Thomas	300
Cowell Benjamin	326	Fletcher William	368
Cowing Ward, children	391	Foster Samuel	576
Cozzens Benjamin	23	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Crane Jonathan (Attleboro')	455	Franklin Henry P.*	18

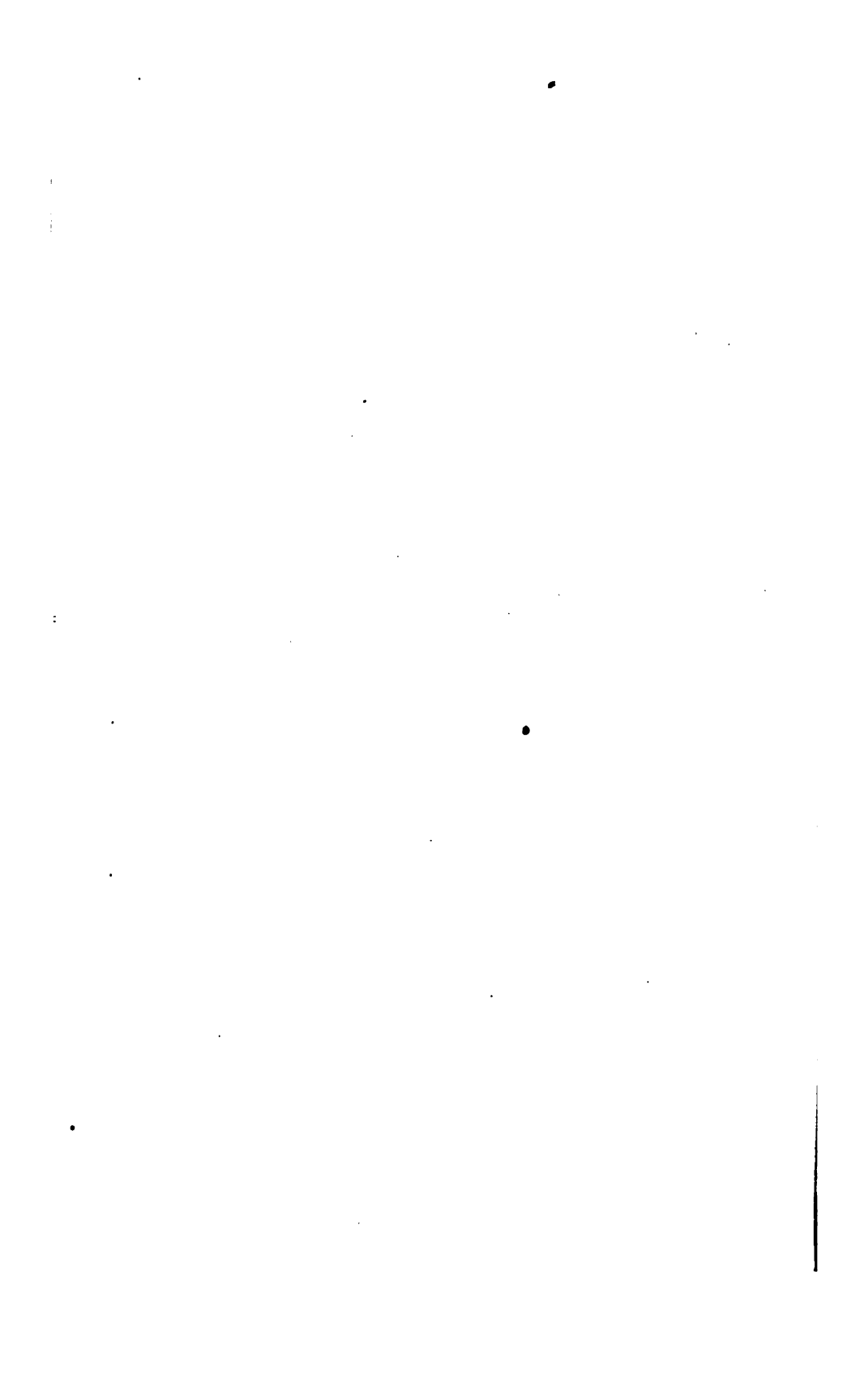
French William S.	318	Hoskins James B.	294
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Fry James C.	561	Howard William A.	75
Fuller Frederick	560	Howland John A.	192
		Hoyt Charles N.	264
		Hudson Henry E.	241
Gallup Albert S.	503	Humphry Walker	475
Gammell William	286	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Hunt George	384
Gardiner Walter E.	152	Hutchins Shubael	123
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hutchins Sterns	175
Giles Henry H.	377	Hutchison James	513
Gladding Henry G.	280		
Gladding John C.	295	Ives Hope*	404
Gladding Royal P.	469	Ives Moses B.*	3
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354	Ives Robert H.	4
Glezen Eben K.	407		
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519		
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Jackson Charles E.	541
Goodwin Daniel	315	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Gorham Jabez	45	Jastram George B.	381
Gorham John	427	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Albert C. Cashier	492	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Albert G.	332	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Richard W.	73	Jolls John F.	432
Greene Rufus	444	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene Sarah A.	290	Jones John D.	472
Greene Scott	166	Joslin Joseph A. D.	473
Greene Warren A.	535		
Greene Welcome A.	358		
Greene William Albert*	187	Keith Christopher T.	507
Grinnell George	229	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Grinnell William T.	86	Kelly Wilber*	125
		Kendall Henry L.	88
Haines William S.	102	Kimball Jerome B.	149
Hale Isaac	382	King William J.	571
Hall Edward B.	263	Kingsbury John	214
Hall George W.	496	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hallet George W.	37	Knight Henry P.*	233
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Knowles Edward P.	488
Harkness Thomas	33	Knowles John P.	71
Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127	Knowles John P. trustee	262
Harris Phebe	457	Knowles Joseph	268
Harris Stephen	221		
Hart Charles	553		
Hartley George S.	448	Larchar John	39
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Larned Samuel*	306
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Leach George A.	164
Hawes Arnold C. (New York)	207	Leete George A. (New York)	261
Hay John M.	546	Leonard Dexter M.*	179
Hayes Wingate	93	Lewis Dexter B.	195
Hedge Frederick H. (Brookline)	523	Lincoln John L.	119
Hedge J. Dunham	309	Lippitt Albert D.	567
Helme William H.	550	Lippitt Christopher	150
Hill Hiram	163	Lippitt Henry	68
Hill Paris	134	Lippitt Robert L.*	353
Hill Thomas J.	363	Lockwood Moses B.	351
Hilton William D.	114	Lothrop Henry W.	140
Hodges Isaac A.	468	Lyman Henry B.	67
Holden Charles	29	Lyman John W.	126
Hoppin George H.	430		
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51		
Hoppin William W.	283	Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25

Manchester Albert H. Jr.	188	Pearce Edward D.	321
Manton Amasa	24	Pearce Thomas*	30
Manton Robert	409	Pearson Robert A.	451
Manton Walter	410	Peck Allen O.	211
Martin Cornelia J.	387	Peck George B.	376
Martin Joseph	456	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason Earl P.	258	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mason George	81	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mason Henry W.	285	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mason William H.	331	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mathewson Allen C.	121	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Perry Amos	458
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Phillips Thomas	378
Mathewson Rollin	421	Pierce Asa	218
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Pike Charles F.	548
Mauran Abby	62	Pike Jonathan	447
Mauran Augustus C.	551	Pitman John	63
Mauran Eliza Y. guardian	537	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Mauran Joseph	243	Potter Alfred	120
Mauran Suchet	132	Potter Americus V.	239
Mead Marshall B.	508	Potter Asa K.	80
Merrill William S.	314	Potter Charles*	55
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Potter Christopher C.	459
Metcalf Joel	70	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Roger Williams	109
Metcalf Whiting*	422	Potter William H.	139
Miller Edward F.	330	Power St. Meth. Episcopal Church	361
Miller Frederick	518	Pratt Peter*	17
Miller Lewis L.	146	Pratt William H.	495
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Prescott Henry A.	442
Mowry Martha H.	104		
Mowry William G. R.	10		
		Randall Thomas A.	470
		Randolph John R.	521
Newcomb Rhoda	362	Rathbone George S.	210
Nichols Emeline B.	577	Rathbone Stephen K.	20
Nichols J. Basset	311	Rathbone William P.	118
Nightingale Edwin J.	289	Rawson Henry M.	344
Nightingale George C.	113	Ray Isaac	435
Northam Elizabeth C.	402	Read Francis	434
		Read James H.	84
Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 202	Read John M. Jr.	65
Olney Stephen T.	186	Reynolds John	320
Ormsbee John H.	228	Reynolds Mary E.	403
Ormsbee John S.	347	Rhodes Henry A.	322
Osborn William	349	Rhodes James T.	232
Owen Ezekiel	54	Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Owen George	401	Rhodes Thomas H.	334
Owen Smith	389	Richardson Henry	231
		Richmond George G.	534
		Richmond George M.	46
		Richmond Harriet T.	525
Pabodie Benjamin G.	85	Richmond Lewis	479
Pabodie Charles A.	96	Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494
Padelford Seth	111	Rickard Roswell R.	43
Paige George*	462	Rivers Mary	531
Paine Amasa	115	Robinson William A.	480
Paine Daniel	328	Rodman William M.	196
Palmer John B.	500	Rogers Henry A.	57
Palmer Richard	575	Rogers Horatio	400
Parkhurst Charles H.	374	Rogers Joseph	301
Parkhurst William H.	155	Rounds John M.	83
Parsons Charles W.	35		
Parsons Usher	375		
Patten William S.	237	Sabin Charles	201
Payne Abraham	497	Sacket Adnah	317
Pearce Edward	185	Salisbury Samuel S.	425

Sanford Samuel P.	524	Tingley Edmund W.	121
Sanford William	284	Tingley Henry	297
Sayles Welcome B.	172	Tobey Samuel B.	66
Scragrave Edward	532	Torrey Moses E.	354
Shaw Allen	251	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Shaw John M.	154	Tourtellot John E.	145
Shaw Mary A.	515	Townsend Solomon	16
Shaw Seth W.	439	Townsend William C.	122
Shearman Sylvester G.	308	Tripp Benjamin	61
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Truman Nathan	248
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Tyler Solomon	64
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13		
Sisson Henry T.	379		
Slater John 2d*	11	Udike Walter W.	478
Slocum Jonathan L.	463	Uiley Leander*	242
Smith Amos D.	101		
Smith James Y.	504	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Smith John W.	215	Viall William	542
Smith Nathaniel	112	Vinton E. Dyer	220
Smith S. Sterry	90		
Snow Amos W.	151	Walcott Edward	48
Snow Walter B.	467	Walling Henry F. (New York)	563
Snow William C.	275	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Southwick Isaac H.	498	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Sprague Amasa*	293	Warner James M.*	138
Stafford Robert R.	100	Waterman Henry	278
Staples William R.	181	Waterman Nancy	289
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Waterman Resolved	41
Stead Thomas J.	249	Waterman Richard*	180
Steele Jonah	420	Waterman Rufus	277
Sevens Benjamin	505	Waterman Street Baptist Society	574
Stillwell Samuel S.	170	Waterman William H.	240
Stimson John J.	194	Watson Matthew*	27
Sumner Increase	413	Wayland Francis	236
Sutton Edward	335	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Swan Jarvis B.	255	Weeden Stephen E. (N. Providence)	394
Swann Elizabeth W.	266	Weeden William B.	522
Sweet Joseph	276	Weeden William G.	246
		Wells William N.	341
		Wheaton Samuel B.	440
Taft Cyrus	161	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Taft George (Pawtucket)	476	Wheeler Charles J.	108
Taft Orray	59	Whipple John	79
Taft Royal C.	465	Whitaker Anthony B. A.	454
Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Tallman William	372	Whitaker Josiah	383
Taylor Daniel A.	511	Whitaker William	60
Taylor John H.	87	Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199
Taylor Theodore	32	Whitney George H.	224
Temple William	436	Wilbur George H.	556
Thayer Euclid C.	388	Wilcox Everett P.	460
Thompson John C. Jr.	385	Wild Rebecca	398
Thurber Edmund	509	Wiley Benjamin B.	562
Thurber Isaac	281	Williams William G.	298
Tibbitts Mary R.	227	Wolcott Samuel	97
Tibbitts William W.	552	Woods Alva	222
Tillinghast Charles E.	516	Woods Marshall 2 shares	490, 579
Tillinghast Charles F. 2 shares 74,	184	Wright Alfred	148
Tillinghast James	272		
Tingley Albert H.	177	Young Edward R.	136

572 owners of one share each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	572
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Providence (R. I.) Athenæum.

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MADE TO THE

(R. I.)
PROVIDENCE [^] ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1859.



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TWENTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

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PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1859.

PROVIDENCE:
KNOWLES, ANTHONY & CO., CITY PRINTERS.
1859.

OFFICERS OF THE ATHENÆUM.

1859-60.

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REPORT.

THE period has again arrived when it becomes the duty of the Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, in obedience to a requirement of its constitution, to lay before the corporation a "detailed report of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the Institution."

It is with great pleasure that they are able to assure the stockholders of its continued prosperity and its increasing usefulness; a prosperity indicated by a growth far beyond the average, by the interest in its welfare manifested by its friends, and by the general order and quiet that has prevailed in the management of its affairs.

At a meeting of the Directors, held immediately after the adjournment of the last annual meeting, William S. Patten was again elected President, and Alexis Caswell, Vice President. J. D. Hedge was appointed Librarian, and F. H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian, with the respective salaries of nine hundred and five hundred dollars. The organization was completed by the appointment of the usual committees.

The number of volumes added to the Library, during the year, is fourteen hundred, and of pamphlets ninety-three.

Of the volumes, there were added—

By purchase	-	-	-	-	1,187
By donation	-	-	-	-	123
				—	1,310
By binding of periodicals	-				90
				—	1,400

Of the pamphlets, twenty-five were acquired by purchase, and sixty-eight received from donation.

The additions may be classified as follows :

Folios	-	-	-	-	-	26
Quartos	-	-	-	-	-	135
Octavos	-	-	-	-	-	823
Duodecimos and under	-	-	-	-	-	416
					—	1,400

The number of volumes in the Library, according to the last

report, was	-	-	-	-	-	22,602
Additions during the year	-	-	-	-	-	1,400

Whole number at present	-	-	-	-	-	24,002
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In making selections of books, it has been the intention of the Library committee, as far as possible, to choose such as are of permanent and intrinsic value. The demand for books of a light and popular kind is very great, and of course such a want must be supplied. But the committee, while meeting fairly, as it is believed, the requirements of those who read only for amusement, have constantly borne in mind that it was not the intention of the founders of this Athenæum to make it a mere circulating library, but to create an institution where every one engaged in useful

research, whether merchant, manufacturer, mechanic, or scholar, might have cheap and easy access to those sources of information in the several departments of knowledge, which are beyond the reach of individual means. Many of the books have been purchased abroad, and at the very close of the year a large invoice was received which has not yet been placed upon the shelves, although included in this report.

Among the more valuable purchases may be mentioned—

THE CAMDEN SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS. 69 vols. 4to. London.

THE CELTIC SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS. 6 vols. 8vo. Dublin.

ANNALS OF THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND, by the Four Masters. 7 vols. 4to. Dublin.

BRAYLEY AND BRITTON'S TOPOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF SURREY. 5 vols. 4to. London.

AMES'S TYPOGRAPHICAL ANTIQUITIES, Dr. Dibdin's edition. 4 vols. 4to. London.

THE UNITED SERVICE JOURNAL, from 1829 to 1849, completing our set. 61 vols. 8vo. London.

JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, of London. 29 vols. 8vo. London.

A GENERAL HISTORY OF MUSIC. By Dr. Charles Burney. 4 vols. 4to. London.

AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONS AND DISCOVERIES, comprising an extensive series of the most valuable works relating to that part of the world, by Backhouse, Dutton, Eyre, Grey, Mitchell, Sturt, and others, handsomely illustrated, in 21 vols. 8vo. London.

HISTORY OF ART BY ITS MONUMENTS, from its decline in the fourth century to its restoration in the sixteenth, 328 plates. By Seroux D'Agincourt. Folio. London.

CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. 7 vol. Roy. 8vo. London.

THE LANDED GENTRY OF GREAT BRITAIN. By Sir Bernard Burke. Roy. 8vo. London.

THE WHOLE WORKS OF KING ALFRED THE GREAT. 2 vols. Roy. 8vo. London.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS. Domestic Series. 3 vols. Roy. 8vo. London.

But a single map has been added to our collection during the year:—"Vincent's Subdivision Map of the city of Savannah, Georgia." This was the gift of Francis G. Dana, Esq., formerly our fellow citizen, but now a resident of that city.

The following extract from the proceedings of the Board of Directors will be listened to with pleasure—

Monday evening, March 7, 1859. The President communicated the following letter from the Rev. Edward B. Hall.

Providence, March 7, 1859.

DEAR SIR: A few friends of the Providence Athenæum have purchased the accompanying Portrait of Washington Allston, painted by Chester Harding; and they beg leave to present it to that institution, through you.

It gives me great pleasure to make known the wishes of the donors, whose names are given on another page.

With great regard,

E. B. HALL.

WM. S. PATTEN.

The following are the names accompanying the letter. Elisha Dyer, Amasa Manton, Francis Wayland, R. H. Ives, Thomas F. Heppin, Marshall Woods, Mrs. Joseph Rogers, Mrs. F. B. Arnold, Mrs. M. B. Ives, Mrs. Thos. P. L. Goddard, Mrs. Robert L. Lippitt, Mrs. E. B. Hall, Miss Julia Bullock.

Upon which communication it was *voted*, that the Portrait of Washington Allston, painted by Chester Harding, presented through the Rev. Edward B. Hall, be gladly accepted; that his letter accompanying it be entered on the records of this Board, with the names of the friends who have made to the Athenæum the gift of an original Portrait, beautifully executed by a celebrated artist, of a man eminent for his genius among American poets and painters, and in whose fame and estimable character, Rhode Island has a special interest and gratification.

Voted, That the Board present their respectful and grateful thanks to the donors, and especially to Mrs. Edward B. Hall, to whom they have ascertained the Athenæum owes the suggestion and completion of the plan, which has made it the possessor of this treasured memorial of a friend of her early days, whose elevated and refined intellectual gifts, in affinity with her own, make its acquisition to her, and its home in the Athenæum, a tribute worthy of each.

Voted, That the President communicate these votes to the Rev. Dr. Hall.

The portrait here mentioned is the beautiful painting of that distinguished artist which now adorns your walls. It has probably been seen by all of you, and so much admired that it is unnecessary to add a syllable in its praise. It is sufficient to say that it was painted by Mr. Harding for his

own use and pleasure, and was undoubtedly labored at *con amore*. He himself speaks of it, in a letter to a friend, as one of his happiest efforts. It portrays Mr. Allston as he appeared a short period before his death, and none who knew him can fail to recognize the truthfulness of the picture. The good taste which prompted the donors to secure, for your advantage, this treasure of art will be duly appreciated by all of you.

It is much to be regretted that we have not better accommodation for the display of paintings and statuary. In the course of a year or two, an entire change will have to be made in the internal arrangements of our building, and when that time arrives, it is to be hoped that our wants in this respect will not be neglected.

In the month of February last, a communication was received from Maquay, Pakenham, and Smyth, agents of Mr. Seth Padelford, at Leghorn, announcing the shipment, in the *Argiro*, of a package, containing a valuable work of art, for the Athenæum. The ill-fated vessel was wrecked on the coast of Sicily, and our interest being uninsured, proved a total loss. Mr. Padelford, who never does anything by halves, with great liberality determined that the institution in which he takes such an interest, should suffer no detriment on this occasion, and immediately ordered another copy of the work in question, which has been received. It is the "*Vaticano*," of Pistolesi, or, to give the title in English: "*The Vatican, described and illustrated by Erasmo Pistolesi, with designs in outline under the direction of the painter, Camillo Guerra.*" In 8 vols. atlas folio, Rome, 1829-38. It is an uncut copy and substantially bound.

The following is from the record of the proceedings of the Directors, on the occasion of its presentation.

Monday evening, August 1, 1859.

The Librarian's report of donations was read, and on motion of Dr. Caswell, it was specially—

Voted, That the thanks of this Board and of the Institution, be presented to Mr. Seth Padelford, for the eight volumes of the valuable work, "Il Vaticano descritto ed illustrato da Erasmo Pistolesi," obtained, and now presented by him, to replace those procured by him while in Europe, for the Institution, and lost in their transit hither."

The title is sufficiently indicative of the character of the work. The Vatican, as you all know, is the great storehouse of Italian art. It is said to contain 11,000 rooms, and with its gardens and St. Peters, to cover as much space as the city of Turin. Mr. Hillard speaks of this as a story with which every traveller in Rome is amused, but adds, that as it never has been contradicted it is probably true. Here are deposited the master-pieces of that school of which Raphael is the chief, and in its various museums and galleries are to be found the best productions of almost every period of the arts. This palace, or rather series of palaces, and its collections of paintings and statuary, its maps and other curiosities, are all faithfully described and depicted in this great work; and the student who shall attempt to acquaint himself with the treasures which the wealth and power of successive popes have here gathered together, will find himself wearied with the excess of riches before he has half completed his task.

This is not the first time we have been called upon to record the liberality of Mr. Padelford. By referring to

last year's report, it will be seen that the Athenæum is already indebted to him for a large number of volumes of a similar character and value.

Donations have also been received from the following individuals and associations.

Philip Allen,	Librarian of Harvard University,
James B. Angell,	Library Company, of Philadelphia,
Samuel G. Arnold,	Mercantile Library Association,
John R. Bartlett,	of Brooklyn,
Henry T. Beckwith,	Mercantile Library Association,
Nathaniel Ingersol Bowditch,	of New York,
R. F. Buel,	Mercantile Library Association,
Alexis Caswell,	of Philadelphia.
Charles H. Daniels,	Mercantile Library Association,
William Douglas,	of St. Louis,
Reuben A. Guild,	Mercantile Library Association,
J. D. Hedge,	of San Francisco,
David Kimball,	Peabody Institute, of South Danvers,
George Livermore,	Proprietors of Locks and Canals
John W. Lyman,	on Merrimack river,
Elias Nickerson,	Regents of the University of the
Charles W. Parsons,	State of New York,
Usher Parsons,	Salem Athenæum,
William S. Patten,	Smithsonian Institution,
Edwin M. Snow,	State Library, of Ohio,
Francis Wayland,	State of Rhode Island,
Marshal Woods,	Trustees of City School Library,
American Antiquarian Society,	of Lowell,
American Association for the Advancement of Science,	Trustees of Dudley Observatory,
American Institute, of the city of New York,	Trustees of Public Library, of Boston,
American Peace Society,	Washington Insurance Company,
Chicago Historical Society,	of Providence,
Coast Survey Department of the United States,	Young Men's Association, of Buffalo,
Department of the Interior of the U. S.,	Young Men's Association, of Hartford,
Detroit Young Men's Society.	Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, of Cincinnati.
Franklin Institute, of Pennsylvania,	

The whole number of shares used during the year, is five hundred and forty-nine, and the number of volumes delivered out, 20,353.

In the department of

FICTION	-	-	-	-	-	9,864
BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY	-	-	-	-	-	3,450
POETRY AND BELLE LETTRES	-	-	-	-	-	1,817
VOYAGES AND TRAVELS	-	-	-	-	-	1,531
RELIGION	-	-	-	-	-	985
ARTS AND SCIENCES	-	-	-	-	-	938
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	914
PERIODICAL LITERATURE	-	-	-	-	-	854

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It will be noticed that there is a slight falling off from last year, in the number of volumes issued, but not more than was to have been expected; the number of readers last year, from causes stated at the time, having been unusually large. The ratio of books read in the different departments of literature is very constant from year to year. The number of volumes taken out by no means indicates the whole amount of reading, for there are many who are very constant readers at the Athenæum, who seldom or never take books home. Had we more copies of popular novels, our issues would undoubtedly be much greater. There are those, who, if they cannot obtain the latest work of fiction, complain that they never can find what they want. The difference of tastes in this respect is very curious. A gentleman who is a great reader, and constantly keeps out his full allowance of volumes, mentioned to the librarian, as a singular fact, that he had never, in any instance, called for a work, without finding it on the shelves. It is pretty certain that his reading did not lie in the track of the current literature of the day.

As several changes have been made in the list of periodicals since it was last submitted to you, a revised one is here given.

- All the Year Round. Monthly.
 American Almanac. Yearly.
 American Journal of Education. Quarterly.
 American Journal of Science and Art. Bimonthly.
 American Publisher's Circular. Weekly.
 Annuaire des Deux Mondes. Yearly.
 Annual of Scientific Discovery. Yearly.
 Annual Register. Yearly.
 Art Journal. Monthly.
 Astronomical Journal. Irregularly.
 Athenæum. Monthly.
 Atlantic Monthly. Monthly.
 Banker's Magazine. Monthly.
 Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review. Quarterly.
 Bibliotheca Sacra. Quarterly.
 Blackwood's Magazine. Monthly.
 British Almanac and Companion. Yearly.
 Chamber's Edinburgh Journal. Monthly.
 Christian Examiner. Bimonthly.
 Christian Review. Quarterly.
 Church Review. Quarterly.
 Civil Engineer. Monthly.
 Colburn's United Service Journal. Monthly.
 Crayon. Monthly.
 Dublin University Magazine. Monthly.
 Dwight's Journal of Music. Weekly.
 Edingburgh Review. Quarterly.
 Evening Mail, (London.) Tri-Weekly.
 Farmer's Magazine. Monthly.
 Frazer's Magazine. Monthly.
 Gentleman's Magazine. Monthly.
 Harper's Monthly. Monthly.
 Harper's Weekly. Weekly.
 Historical Magazine and Notes and Queries. Monthly.
 Horticulturist. Monthly.
 Illustrated London News. Weekly.
 Journal of the Franklin Institute. Monthly.
 Knickerbocker. Monthly.
 Leader, (London.) Weekly.
 London Lancet. Monthly.
 London Quarterly Review. Quarterly.
 Magazine of Horticulture. Monthly.
 Massachusetts Teacher. Monthly.
 Merchant's Magazine. Monthly.
 Methodist Quarterly Review. Quarterly.
 Missionary Herald. Monthly.
 National Review. Quarterly.
 New England Genealogical Register. Quarterly.
 New Englander. Quarterly.
 Newton's London Journal. Monthly.
 North American Review. Quarterly.
 North British Review. Quarterly.
 Notes and Queries. Monthly.
 Providence Directory. Yearly.
 Providence Tax Book. Yearly.
 Publisher's Circular. Semi-Monthly.
 Punch. Weekly.
 Quarterly Journal of Agriculture. Quarterly.
 Revue des Deux Mondes. Semi-Monthly.
 Rhode Island Schoolmaster. Monthly.
 Scientific American. Weekly.
 Southern Literary Messenger. Monthly.
 Sporting Magazine. Monthly.
 Tait's Edinburgh Magazine. Monthly.
 Westminster Review. Quarterly.
 Working Farmer. Monthly.
 World of Fashion. Monthly.
 Year Book of Facts in Science and Art. Yearly.

At the last annual meeting it was—

Voted, "That the Directors of the Athenæum be requested to make a list of such works of peculiar value and interest, as they deem desirable to be procured for the Athenæum, and not within its means to purchase, the list to be kept in some public place in the Athenæum." A committee, appointed by the Directors, has prepared a list, in accordance with the above vote, and it is to be hoped that, before the end of another year, the Athenæum may derive some benefit from the suggestion. The Directors would not by any means have it thought that they mean to restrict, in any way, the liberality of the friends of the Institution, or to confine it to any list that could possibly be drawn up. Most persons will probably prefer to exercise their own taste in such matters. They who have read the "Heart of Mid Lothian," (and who hast not?) will remember the old Laird of Dumbiedikes' advice to his son,—“Be aye sticking in a tree, it will be growing, Jock, when you are sleeping.” We would say to all well-wishers to the Athenæum, “be occasionally depositing upon our shelves some little sprig from the tree of knowledge; it will be diffusing its salutary influences long after your gift and the occasion of it have passed from your remembrance.”

During the past year, the fences around the Athenæum have been put in thorough repair. The one on College street required to be newly set, many of the posts being decayed. The whole has been painted with two coats of paint. Additional shelving has been put up in the main hall of the building, capable of accommodating about 1,100 volumes; but all the unoccupied shelf-room remaining will barely suffice to hold the additions of the coming year,

should they equal those of the last. An important question then arises, in what manner shall provision be made for accommodating the future increase of the library. It is a question which requires the most careful deliberation. Several plans have been suggested, but all are attended with difficulty. One thing is certain, whatever one is adopted, must necessitate an expense far beyond the usual resources of the Athenæum. It would be doing injustice to the public spirit of the share-holders, to suppose that they would suffer the Athenæum to burden itself with a debt to meet this extraordinary outlay.

The Committee appointed to examine the Library, have, with the assistance of the Librarian and his assistant, performed that duty. Eight volumes are found to be missing from the shelves and not accounted for. They are none of them of special value, and they are probably not all lost.

Six new shares have been sold since the last meeting, making the whole number issued, five hundred and eighty-six.

The receipts for the year, including last year's balance, are \$3,936.56, and the expenditures \$3,624.70, leaving a balance of \$311.86 to new account. More than this amount however, is now due for bills of books included in this report.

The sum of \$1,603.53 has been expended for books, periodicals and binding, and \$2,021.07 for all other expenses, as you will learn from the Treasurer's report.

Signed for and in behalf of the Board,

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES S. TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Proprietors of the Providence Athenæum :

The Treasurer reports as follows :

There was on hand, 27th September, 1858 - - - - 132.01

The Receipts for the year have been as follows :

For fines	104.55
For dividends on invested funds	710.00
For taxes on 580 shares	2900.00
For six shares sold, at \$15 each	90.00
	3804.55
	\$3936.56

The payments for the same period have been—

For books	1196.67
For periodicals	318.71
For binding	88.25
For salaries	1495.00
For repairs and furniture	81.46
For painting	67.83
For fuel	98.10
For gas	42.30
For insurance	62.00
For collecting assessments	63.50
For printing and advertising	45.85
For stationery and express	28.94
For postages and sundries	36.09

Expenditures - - - 3624.70

Cash on hand - - - 311.86

\$3936.56

The number of shares issued 27th Sept., 1858, was - - - 580

The number issued the past year is - - - 6

Making at the present time - - 586

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. BECKWITH, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, 26th September, 1859.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26th, 1859.

	Share No.		
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Balley Benjamin D.	493
Aborn James A.	162	Balley William M.	165
Aborn John W.*	38	Baker George	226
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Balch John R.	339
Adams George J.	105	Balch Joseph	205
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Balch, Joseph P.	419
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ballou Hosea Jr.*	169
Adler Charles A.	450	Barker Frederick A.	520
Akerman Charles	350	Barker Joseph A.	252
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Barstow John	310
Allen Candace	380	Bartlett George	178
Allen Charles B.	50	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Crawford	6	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Allen Philip	9	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Beckwith Truman	19
Allen Samuel	449	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Allen William C.*	133	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Allen Zachariah	8	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Ames Samuel	171	Bennet Preston	578
Andrews Betsy, executrix	348	Binney William	558
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Bishop Nathaniel	471
Andrews David A.	470	Bisland William B.	499
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Angell Daniel	415	Blodget William P.	387
Angell Elizabeth (N. Providence)	584	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Angell James B.	184	Borden Jefferson (do.)	143
Angell John W.	287	Bourn Benjamin M.	512
Anthony Barrington*	359	Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267
Anthony Henry	44	Bowen Henry	198
Anthony Henry B.	414	Bowen Henry L.	312
Anthony Lorenzo D.	158	Bowen Tully D.	130
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Bradford Joseph	250
Aplin Charles	453	Bradford Mary W.	426
Arnold Benjamin	223	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold Charles	106	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold Christopher B.	318	Brastow Frank	291
Arnold George C.	103	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Arnold Job	570	Brown Edward W.	532
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Brown Henry T.	510
Arnold Richard J.	40	Brown Isaac	245
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Brown John Carter	77
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Brown Joseph R.	480
Arnold Welcome	142	Brown Moses*	1
Atwater Joseph H.	157	Brown Nathaniel W.	200
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Nicholas Jr.	547

*Deceased

Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown Thomas	212	Crane Jonathan (Attleboro')	455
Brown William	394	Cranston Barzillai	254
Brown William Waterman	219	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown William Whipple	466	Cross Frances E.	225
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Browne George H.	565		
Brownell Richmond	160		
Brownell Sylvester	452	Dana George	395
Bucklin James C.	373	Daniels Dexter	484
Bucklin Simon S.	42	Daniels George M.	28
Buel Rufus F.	573	Darling Levi B.	572
Buffum Benjamin	52	Dart William H.	128
Bullock Julia	502	Davis Edward N.	524
Bullock William P.	144	Davis John W.	461
Burges Walter S.	78	Davis Thomas	173
Burgess Frederick	76	Day Daniel	153
Burrough Joseph	388	Day Israel H.	203
Burrough Martha H.	367	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Bush Patience M.	206	Dexter Samuel	95
Bush Richard W.	91	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dike Arba B.	483
Butts Frank	397	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dorrance Tully	244
		Dorrance William T.	92
		Doyle Thomas A.	305
Cady Shubael H.	536	Drown William H.	338
Calder Albert L.	274	Duncan Alexander	12
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Duncan David	261
Carlton George E.	327	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Carpenter Earl	486	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Carpenter Sturgis P.	549	Dunnell Mary	235
Caswell Alexis	270	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunwell James P.	412
Central Congregational Society	49	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chace William M.	176	Dyer Charles	259
Chafee Mary E.	555	Dyer Cyrus	302
Chambers Robert B.	443	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer John	21
Chapin George W.	337		
Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423	Eames Jane A.	487
Chapin Royal	424	Eames Laura C.	107
Chapman Rhodes B.	408	Earle Amey Ann	370
Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529	Earle William	474
Child Lewis P.	345	Eddy Nelson S.*	417
Childs Charles H.	208	Ely James W. C.	545
Church Peter	217	Evans Rowland	333
Claffin George L.	482	Everett Amherst	238
Clark Thomas M.	411		
Clarke James M.	501		
Clarke John H.	313	Field Daniel	26
Cleveland Almira A.	129	Field John A.	209
Clifford Marian	47	Field William	15
Collins George L.	526	First Baptist Church	405
Congdon Gilbert	72	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Congdon Henry R.	514	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Congdon Welcome	257	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Cook Caleb C.	352	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Cook Stephen	433	Fisher Cyrus	147
Cooke Joseph J.	565	Fletcher Thomas	300
Corniss George H.	360	Fletcher William	368
Cornett Henry T.	265	Fogg Ezra D.	398
Cory Thomas M.	153	Foster Samuel	576
Cowell Benjamin	326		

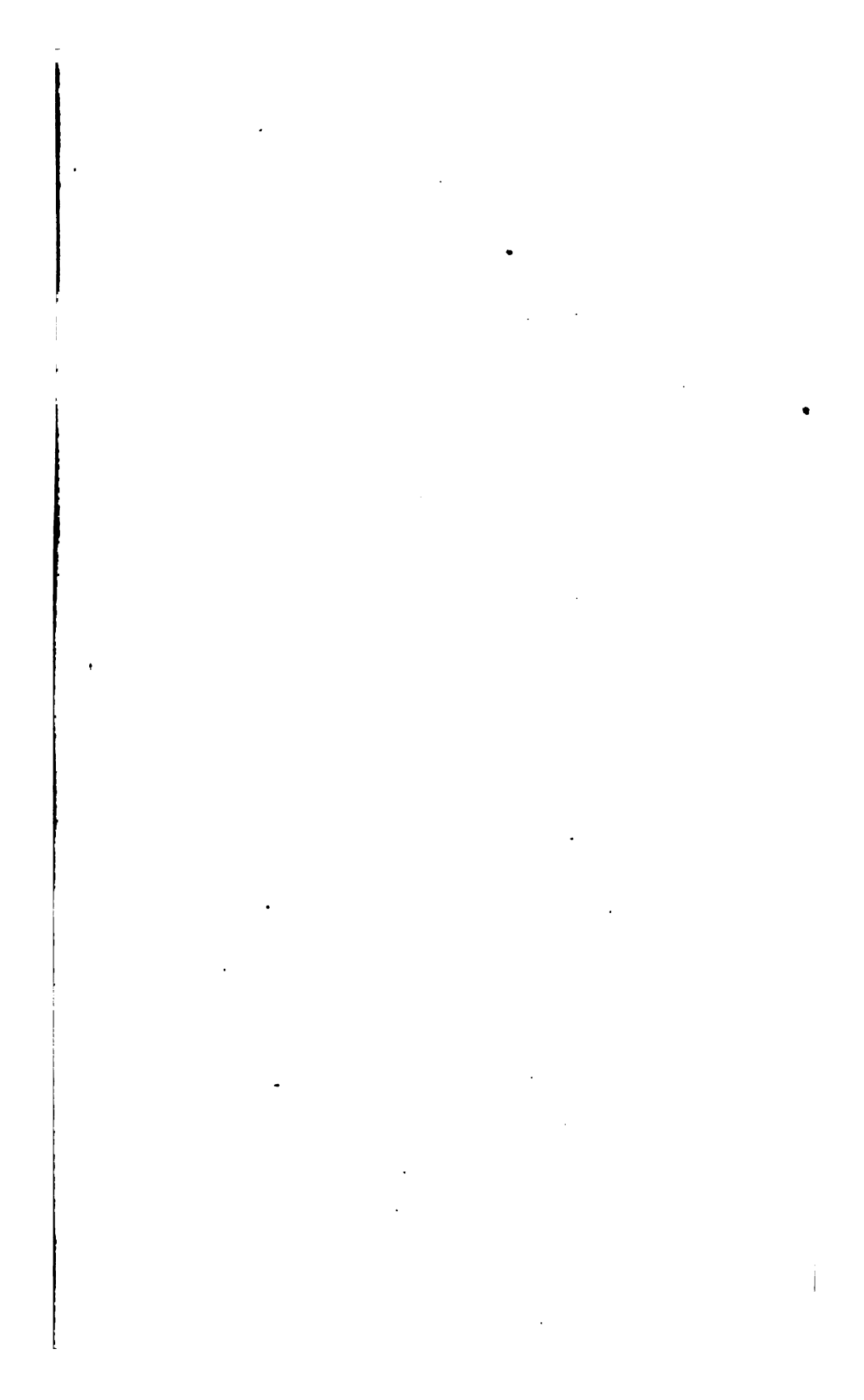
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hilton William D.	114
Franklin Henry P.*	18	Hodges Isaac A.	468
French William S.	318	Holden Charles	20
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hoppin George H.	430
Fry James C.	561	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Fuller Frederick	560	Hoppin William W.	283
		Hoskins James B.	294
		Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gallup Albert S.	503	Howard William A.	75
Gammell William	286	Howland John A.	192
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Hudson Henry E.	241
Gardiner Walter E.	152	Humphry Walker	475
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Giles Henry H.	377	Hunt George	364
Glaidding Henry G.	260	Hutchins Shubael	123
Glaidding John C.	295	Hutchins Sterns	175
Glaidding Royal P.	469		
Glaidding Samuel (Plainfield)	354		
Glezen Eben K.	407	Ives Hope*	404
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Ives Moses B.*	3
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Robert H.	4
Goodwin Daniel	315		
Gorham Jabez	45		
Gorham John	427	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Albert C. Cashier	492	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Albert G.	332	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Ardella E.	342	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Cornelia K.	429	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Richard W.	73	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Rufus	444	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Sarah A.	290	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Scott	186	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene Warren A.	535	Jones John D.	472
Greene Welcome A.	358	Joslin Joseph A. D.	473
Greene William Albert*	187		
Greene William Albert	164		
Greene William H.	543		
Grinnell George	229	Keith Christopher T.	507
Grinnell William T.	86	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Grosvenor William	108	Kelly Wilber*	125
		Kendall Henry L.	88
		Kendall Oliver	505
Haines William S.	102	Kimball Jerome B.	149
Hale Isaac	382	King William J.	571
Hall Edward B.	263	Kingsbury John	214
Hall George W.	496	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hallet George W.	37	Knight Henry P.*	233
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Knowles Edward P.	486
Harkness Albert	357	Knowles John P.	71
Harkness Thomas	33	Knowles John P. trustee	262
Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127	Knowles Joseph	268
Harris Phebe	457		
Harris Stephen*	221		
Hart Charles	553	Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Hartley George S.*	448	Larchar John	39
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Larned Samuel*	306
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Lewis Dexter B.	195
Hawes Arnold C. (New York)	207	Lincoln John L.	119
Hayes Wingate	93	Lippitt Albert D.	567
Hazard Edward H.	563	Lippitt Christopher	150
Hedge Frederick H.	523	Lippitt Henry	68
Hedge J. Dunham	309	Lippitt Robert L.*	353
Helme William H.	550	Lockwood Moses B.	351
Hill Hiram	163	Lothrop Henry W.	140
Hill Paris	134	Lyman Henry B.	67
Hill Thomas J.	363	Lyman John W.	126

Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Payne Abraham	497
Manchester Albert H. Jr.	183	Payton Harvey F.	264
Manton Amasa	24	Pearce Edward	185
Manton Robert	409	Pearce Edward D.	321
Manton Walter	410	Pearce Thomas*	30
Martin Joseph	456	Pearson Luther	23
Mason Earl P.	258	Pearson Robert A.	451
Mason George	81	Peck Allen O.	211
Mason Henry W.	285	Peck George B.	376
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason William H.	331	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mauran Abby	62	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mauran Augustus C.	551	Perry Amos	458
Mauran Eliza Y. guardian	537	Phillips Harley F.	582
Mauran Joseph	243	Phillips Thomas	378
Mauran Suchet	132	Pierce Asa	218
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Pierce Henrietta K.	167
Mead Marshall B.	508	Pike Charles F.	518
Merrill William S.	314	Pike Jonathan	447
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pitman John	63
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Alfred	120
Metcalf Whiting*	422	Potter Americus V.	239
Miller Frederick	518	Potter Asa K.	50
Miller Lewis L.	146	Potter Charles*	55
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Potter Christopher C.	452
Mowry Martha H.	104	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Mowry William G. R.	10	Potter Roger Williams	109
		Potter William H.	139
Newcomb Rhoda	362	Power St. Meth. Episcopal Church	361
Nichols Emeline B.	577	Pratt Peter*	17
Nichols J. Basset	311	Pratt William H.	495
Nightingale Edwin J.	299	Prescott Henry A.	442
Nightingale George C.	113		
Northam Elizabeth C.	402	Randolph John R.	521
Noyes Mac Walter B.	546	Rathbone George S.	210
Nye Oliver C.	581	Rathbone Stephen K.	20
		Rathbone William P.	118
Okie A. Howard	586	Rawson Henry M.	344
Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292	Ray Isaac	435
Olney Stephen T.	186	Read Francis	434
Ormsbee John H.	228	Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432
Ormsbee John S.	347	Read John M. Jr.	65
Osborn William	340	Reynolds John	320
Owen Ezekiel	54	Reynolds Mary E.	403
Owen George	401	Rhodes Henry A.	322
Owen Smith	389	Rhodes James T.	232
		Rhodes Peleg A.*	260
Pabodie Benjamin G.	85	Rhodes Thomas H.	334
Pabodie Charles A.	96	Richardson Henry	231
Padelford Seth	111	Richmond George G.	534
Paige George*	462	Richmond George M.	46
Palne Amasa	115	Richmond Harriet T.	525
Palne Daniel	328	Richmond Lewis	479
Palmer John B.	500	Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494
Palmer Richard	575	Rickard Roswell R.	43
Parkhurst Charles H.	374	Rivers Mary	531
Parkhurst William H.	155	Robinson William A.	489
Parsons Charles W.	35	Rodman William M.	196
Parsons Usher	375	Rogers Henry A.	57
Patten William S.	237	Rogers Horatio	400
		Rogers Joseph	301
		Rounds John M.	83

Sabin Charles	201	Tillinghast Charles E.	510
Sacket Adnah	317	Tillinghast Charles F.	74
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tillinghast James	272
Salisbury Samuel S.	425	Tingley Albert H.	177
Sanford William	284	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Sayles Welcome B.	172	Tingley Henry	297
Shaw Allen	251	Tobey Samuel B.	66
Shaw John M.	154	Torrey Moses E.	384
Shaw Mary A.	515	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Shaw Seth W.	439	Tourtellot John E.	145
Shearman Sylvester G.	308	Townsend William C.	122
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Truman Nathan	248
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13	Tyler Solomon	64
Simons Aaron	325		
Sisson Henry T.	379	Uddike Walter W.	478
Slater John 2d*	11	Uiley Leander*	242
Sleeper George W.	556		
Slacum Jonathan L.	463	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Smith Amos D.	101	Vial William	542
Smith James Y.	504	Vinton E. Dyer	220
Smith John W.	215		
Smith Nathaniel	112	Walcott Edward	48
Smith S. Sterry	90	Walling Henry F. (New York)	563
Snow Amos W.	151	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Snow Walter B.	467	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Snow William C.	275	Warner James M.*	138
Southwick Isaac H.	498	Waterman Henry	278
Sprague Amasa*	293	Waterman Nancy	289
Stafford Robert R.	100	Waterman Resolved	41
Staples William R.	181	Waterman Richard*	180
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Waterman Rufus	277
Stead Thomas J.	249	Waterman William H.	240
Steere Jonah	420	Watson Matthew*	27
Steere Thomas E.	16	Wayland Francis	236
Stillwell Samuel S.	170	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Simson John J.	194	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394
Sumner Increase	413	Weeden William B.	322
Sutton Edward	335	Weeden William G.	246
Swan Jarvis B.	255	Wells William N.	341
Swann Elizabeth W.	266	Wheaton Samuel B.	440
Sweet Joseph	276	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
		Whipple John	79
		Whitaker Anthony B. A.	454
Taft Cyrus	161	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Taft George (Pawtucket)	470	Whitaker Henry C.	121
Taft Orray	59	Whitaker Josiah	383
Taft Royal C.	485	Whitaker William	60
Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56	Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199
Tallman William	372	Whitney George H.	224
Taylor Daniel A.	511	Wilcox Everett P.	460
Taylor John H.	87	Wild Rebecca	398
Taylor Theodore	32	Wiley Benjamin B.	562
Temple William	436	Williams William G.	298
Thayer Euclid C.	386	Woodbury Augustus	557
Thompson John C. Jr.	365	Woods Alva	222
Thurber Edmund	509	Woods Marshall 2 shares	490, 579
Thurber Isaac	281	Wright Alfred	148
Tibbitts Mary R.	227		
Tibbitts William W.	552	Young Edward R.	136

576 owners of one share each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	576
5 " two " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
581								586







Providence (R.I.) Athenæum.

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MADE TO THE

R.I.
PROVIDENCE, ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1860.



TWENTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

(R.S.)

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

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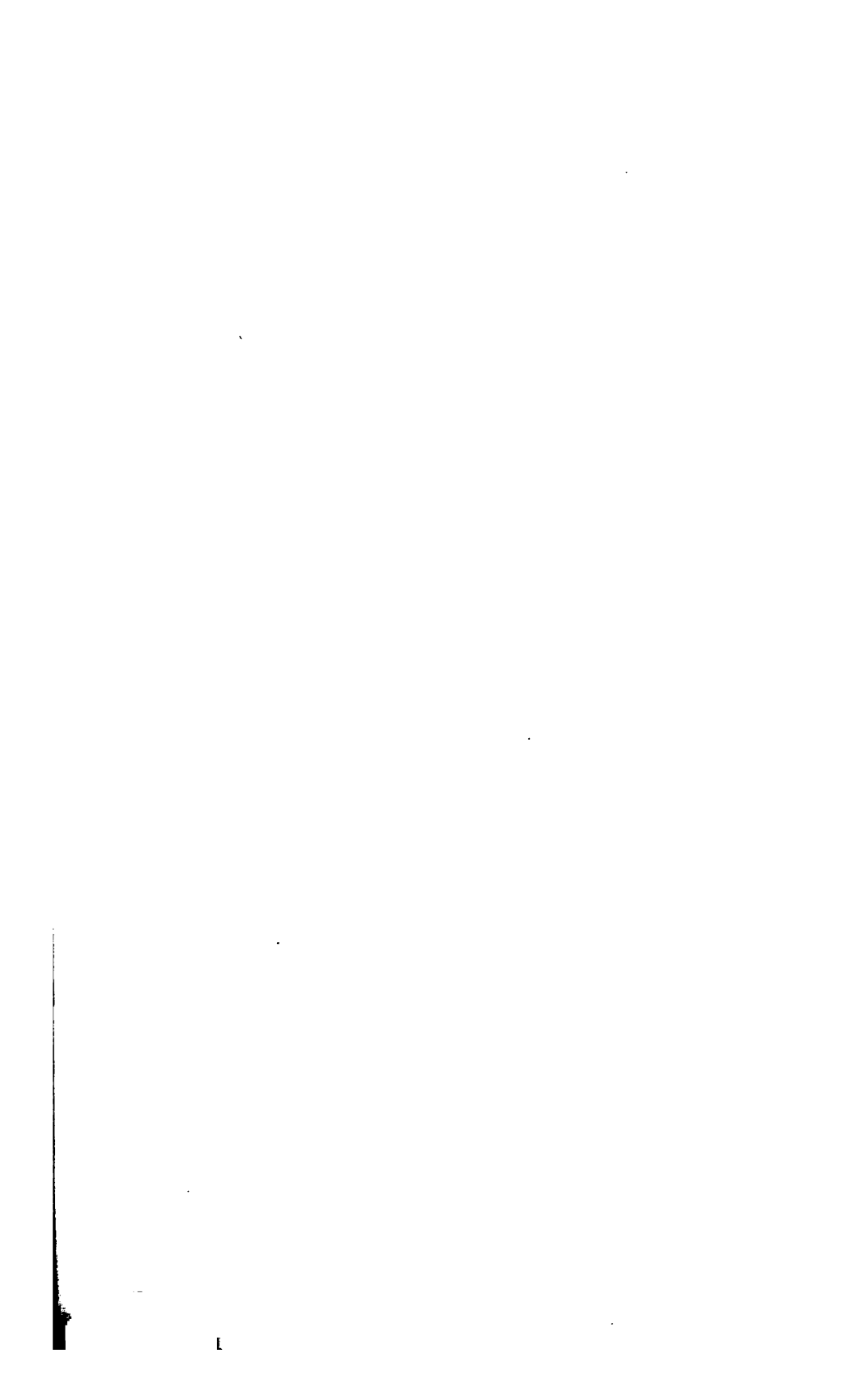
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FREDERIC H. HEDGE, JR., *Assistant Librarian.*



REPORT.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, in accordance with an article of the Constitution of the Corporation, submit to the shareholders their twenty-fifth annual Report.

A quarter-century of the life of an Institution like this, and in an age of material and intellectual progress like the present, must be a period of no uneventful or uninteresting character. The enterprise, begun in feebleness, has strengthened with its duration in years. The attempt to meet the demand of a few families for intellectual stimulus of a higher order than that which was generally furnished, has gradually enlarged, till it has become the supply of a public necessity. An Institution, once confined within narrow limits, has expanded its dimensions, till it has reached the boundaries of neighboring communities. The Library, necessarily small in its commencement, has increased year by year, and at present numbers over twenty-five thousand volumes. The building, which once sufficed to accommodate other associations besides our own, is now found to be inadequate, in its present arrangement, to furnish the con-

veniences which we ourselves need. Twenty-five years of growth have given the Institution a commanding position, and have established it as among the best enterprises of which our city can boast. While, if we consider the great multitude of persons that have enjoyed its privileges, the large number of volumes that have been put in circulation, the general high character and value of the books themselves, and the far-reaching circles of influence of which the *ATHENÆUM* is the centre, we cannot fail to perceive the width and permanence of the beneficent results which it is perpetually accomplishing. It is a matter for congratulation, that, during its whole course, a generous public has sustained it with characteristic liberality and appreciation.

During the year which has just closed, two subjects, connected with the growth of the Institution, have engaged the attention of the Directors. One is the demand which our constantly increasing Library makes for more shelf-accommodations. The subject was introduced at the last annual meeting of the Corporation, and we were directed to ascertain, if possible, the best means for meeting the necessities of the case. Various plans have been suggested, more or less practicable and involving more or less expense. One plan that has been proposed, is to throw a light, iron gallery around the interior wall of the building, removing the partition upon the first floor, and raising the height of the existing alcoves to the upper ceiling. Another is, to remove the floor from the main part of the building, permitting a portion around the sides to remain, for convenience of entrance to the alcoves, and building additional alcoves in the basement. Still another plan is to fill up the spaces now occupied by the windows upon the sides of the build-

ing, and make an aperture in the roof for the admission of the requisite light. This plan, if it could be successfully carried into execution, though it might require a large expenditure, would doubtless furnish space enough for the probable increase of the Library for a quarter of a century to come. But that which has seemed most feasible to the Committee on the Building and Grounds, inasmuch as it combines economy with present convenience, is to erect an alcove in the East room, upon the first floor, raising it to the ceiling, and in addition, if thought necessary, to build a light gallery around the room. The Committee on the Building and Grounds have adopted this as the most practicable, at the present time, and trusting that it will meet the approbation of the shareholders, would ask authority to complete it. The matter has been brought before the Corporation in previous years, and it now appears to the Directors that further delay is impossible. Had the Athenæum the means at its disposal, a thorough renovation and re-arrangement of the building would be suggested, as the means of increasing the efficiency and resources of the Institution. But, in default of ample means of our own, we are obliged to await the impulses of public generosity, before a work of such magnitude can be performed.

The other subject which has occupied the attention of the Board, has been the demand for a Supplementary Catalogue of the Library. Several thousand volumes have been added to the Library since the printed Catalogue was issued, and it was with some difficulty that the fact of possession by the Athenæum of certain books could be ascertained. A new Catalogue was found to be not only a

convenience, but a necessity. The subject was brought to the notice of the Board, early in the year. It was thought best to defer the publication of such a volume till the expiration of the year, in order that all additions to the Library might be inserted, to the last moment. Meanwhile, the Librarian was directed to prepare the volume for the press. That work has been performed, and too much praise cannot be awarded to Mr. Hedge for the industry and fidelity which have characterized his action in this respect. It is estimated that a Catalogue such as is here designed will require an expenditure of about five hundred dollars, for an edition of one thousand copies. It only remains for the Corporation to order its immediate execution, that a need long felt may be fully supplied.

Among the ranks of the shareholders, death has been busy, during the year, in his sorrowful work. No less than fourteen members of the Corporation have passed away from this earthly life. It is a larger number than, during any previous year of our history, have left our company. They leave behind them pleasant memories, while their departure has caused the tears of many to flow. From the ranks of the Directors, we mourn the departure of Mr. JOHN J. STIMSON. The latter event was the most serious loss which the Athenæum has sustained for many years. Always an active and interested member of the Corporation, and for several years a most useful member of the Board of Directors, his loss has been most severely felt by the Athenæum. His sagacity in affairs, his knowledge of men, and his practical wisdom, eminently fitted him for one of our most valued and esteemed associates, and we shall never cease to regret his departure, while we bow in submission

to the decree of Providence which called him from our sides. The following resolutions, adopted at a meeting of the Directors, Monday evening, Feb. 6th, 1860, fully attest our appreciation of his distinguished worth.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death, from this community, our late associate, Mr. JOHN J. STIMSON, who through all the annals of the Providence Athenæum, from its first inception till his decease, was intimately connected by hearty personal interest and energetic coöperation, with the history and fortunes of this Institution ; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Board, in common with their fellow citizens, are profoundly sensible of their bereavement, in the event which has taken from so many of the public institutions of this city a wise and efficient helper and friend.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Stimson we lament the decease of one of the founders of this Institution, of one who in its day of early weakness and doubtful experiment, by his steadfast zeal and untiring devotion, as well as his prudent conduct of its trusts, was greatly instrumental in procuring for it a sure and permanent footing, and developing the feeble germ into broad and vigorous life.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the mourning family of the deceased.

The shareholders will notice, as the directors trust, with approbation, the many valuable additions which have been made to the Library and the donations which have been received. It is with no small degree of satisfaction that the Directors point to the character of the reading which has been furnished by the Athenæum to the public, and the interest which its friends, remote and near, have manifested in its progress. The liberality of these donors should be emulated ; and if each stockholder would annually deposit upon the shelves of the Library, but a single book of value, how largely would its means be increased and its influence of good be extended. The Athenæum deserves, and should most certainly receive, the continued generous support of its patrons.

The additions to the Library, during the past year, though not so large as in the year previous, still exceed the average. The number of volumes added is one thousand and sixty-four, and of pamphlets, eleven hundred and eighty-three. Of the volumes there were added—

By purchase	911
By donation	44
By binding of periodicals	109
	<hr/> 1064

Of the pamphlets, nine hundred and twenty-one were obtained by purchase, and two hundred and sixty-two received from donation.

The additions consist of—

Folios	22
Quartos	88
Octavos	527
Duodecimos and under	427

The number of volumes in the Library at the time of making up the last annual report, was 24,002

Additions during the year 1,064

Whole number at present 25,066

The Library has been examined under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Directors, and thirteen volumes are found to be missing from the shelves, and not accounted for.

It is hardly worth the while to notice particularly the character of the additions. They have been displayed upon the table, and may soon be found enumerated in the Supplementary Catalogue of the Library, now going to press. No importations have been made from abroad, and dependence has been had, mainly, upon the enterprise of

our own booksellers in making purchases. The opportunity, however, was taken last Fall, at the sale of Mr. Choate's library, to procure a few works of a solid character, not often obtainable under such favorable circumstances. About two hundred volumes were then procured, among which was a fine copy of the "*Mémoires de L'Académie Royale des Inscriptions et Belle Lettres*," in fifty volumes quarto; together with several valuable lexicons and dictionaries, and a few good copies of classic authors. In this last department—the ancient classics—the Library is sadly deficient. The demand for such works, it may be said, is not great; the time has gone by when scholars can devote a life to the study of an ancient author. No Lipsius, at the present day, could offer to repeat the whole of Tacitus, with a dagger at his breast, to be used in case of a failure of memory; nor would any one now make the boast of a student of the middle age: "*Decem annos consumpsi in legendo Cicerone*," for fear of the inevitable *ors* which society would echo back to him;—still, it is a discreditable fact that not a single copy, in the original, can be found upon our shelves, of the productions of the two greatest poets of antiquity, and any one who wishes to consult the works of either Homer or Virgil, were it but to verify a quotation, must look for them elsewhere.

It will be observed that the number of books added by donation is much smaller than usual, nor are there any that require special notice.

An extremely valuable gift has been received from HENRY F. WALLING, Esq., of New York, formerly our fellow-citizen, and still a shareholder in this Institution, of forty-nine State, Town, and County Maps. They are all

handsomely colored and mounted, and are the product of his own industry. The other maps by Mr. Walling, with one or two exceptions which it is believed that gentleman means to supply, are already in the Library. When considered as a whole, they are a striking monument of his enterprise and skill, as well as a lasting memorial of his liberality and good will to the Athenæum.

A splendid Photograph of the Coliseum has just been transmitted to us, through Christopher Lippitt, Esq., by ALBERT J. JONES, formerly Secretary of the Athenæum, now in Europe. No communication has been received from Mr. Jones respecting it. It is of a size sufficient to give an adequate idea of that noble ruin, measuring five feet by two feet four inches inside the margin. It will be suitably framed and hung in one of the ante-rooms of the Athenæum, those being the only places in the upper part of the building where a picture of any size can be exhibited. Donations have also been received from the following individuals and associations :

Henry B. Anthony,
 Samuel G. Arnold,
 A. D. Bache,
 Henry T. Beckwith,
 Alexis Caswell,
 Benjamin H. Cheever,
 Samuel Currey,
 Josiah Curtis, of Boston,
 Charles H. Daniels,
 Thomas A. Doyle,
 Nathaniel B. Durfee,
 Charles W. Frederickson, of New
 York,
 J. D. Hedge,
 Thomas K. King, of Pawtucket,
 Joseph Mauran,
 S. C. Newman, of Pawtucket,
 Martin Paine, of New York,
 Edward North,

Charles W. Parsons,
 Usher Parsons,
 Amos Perry,
 Isaac Ray,
 Sidney S. Rider,
 Edwin M. Snow,
 Edwin M. Stone,
 Samuel Boyd Tobey, Trustee of
 Obadiah Brown's Benevo-
 lent Fund,
 Augustus Woodbury,
 American Antiquarian Society,
 American Association for the Ad-
 vancement of Science,
 American Missionary Association,
 American Peace Society,
 Chicago Historical Society,
 City of Providence,
 Detroit Young Men's Society,

Librarian of Harvard University,	Smithsonian Institution,
Mercantile Library Association,	State Library of Ohio,
of Brooklyn,	State of Rhode Island,
Mercantile Library Association,	Trustees of the Public Library of
of New York,	Boston,
Mercantile Library Association,	Washington Insurance Company,
of Philadelphia,	of Providence,
Mercantile Library Association,	Young Men's Association, of
of St. Louis,	Buffalo,
Mercantile Library Association,	Young Men's Association, of
of San Francisco,	Hartford,
Peabody Institute, of S. Danvers,	Young Men's Mercantile Library
Regents of the University of the	Association, of Cincinnati.
State of New York,	

Three new periodicals have been added to the list as published last year, namely: "The Cornhill Magazine," published monthly, under the editorial care of Wm. Makepeace Thackeray; "The Undergraduate," published quarterly, edited by Students of Colleges; and "Vanity Fair," a weekly periodical.

There is one subject which the Directors deem proper to bring to the attention of the stockholders, as it is one in which they, and those in their families who use the books of the Athenæum, are directly interested. It has already been referred to in previous reports, but its importance seems to demand a recurrence to it. Many persons indulge in the practice of marking the pages of the books and making notes and comments upon such passages as particularly attract their notice. These marks and comments are made sometimes in pencil, and sometimes with ink. We cannot censure the practice too severely. It is extremely reprehensible, and should be carefully avoided. The books are purchased for use and not abuse. They are to be read and not reviewed, or if the propensity of reviewing is too strong to be repressed, it would seem desirable that notes which are distinguished neither for wit nor correctness,

should be written elsewhere than upon the margins of the leaves. It is frequently a disfigurement of the book itself; it is sometimes a testimony to the writer's ignorance and want of neatness; and it is always an annoyance to those who know how borrowed books should be read, and who strive to read them for profit and instruction. A community like this should be more careful of its literary reputation than to allow its chief public library to be disfigured by the impertinent and uncalled for scribblings of anonymous writers. It is impossible for the Librarian to examine every book as it is returned, to know whether a fine should be imposed for defacing its pages, and the remedy of the evil, therefore, is only to be found in the good manners and the good sense of those who use the Library. We trust that a single word only is needed to put a complete check to this blamable practice.

The bonds held by the Athenæum in the Providence and Worcester Railroad Corporation became due on the fourth day of August, 1860. By order of the Directors, a re-investment was made in the bonds of the same Corporation. These will become due on the fourth day of August, 1864, the Railroad Company reserving the right to redeem them at an earlier date, by giving sixty days notice.

The invested funds of the Athenæum, at present, are—

74 shares Blackstone Canal Bank Stock,	
par value	\$1,850
63 shares Amer. Bank Stock, par value	3,150
	<hr/> 5,000
6 Prov. & Wor. R. R. Co.'s Bonds, as mentioned,	6,000
	<hr/> \$11,000

Producing an annual income of \$710.

The receipts for the year, including last year's balance, are \$4,121.16, and the expenditures, \$3,817.53, leaving a balance of \$303.63 to new account.

The sum of \$1,849.49 has been expended for books, periodicals and binding, and \$1,968.04 for all other expenses, as you will learn from the Treasurer's report.

Five new shares have been sold during the year, making the whole number now issued, five hundred and ninety-one.

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Proprietors of the Providence Athenæum :

The Treasurer reports as follows :

There was on hand, Sept. 26, 1859	-	-	-	-	-	311.86
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The receipts for the year have been as follows :

For fines	-	-	-	-	-	79.30
For dividends on invested funds	-	-	-	-	-	710.00
For taxes on 586 shares	-	-	-	-	-	2,630.00
For five shares sold, at \$15 each	-	-	-	-	-	75.00
For books sold	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
						3,809.30
						\$4,121.16

The payments for the same period have been :

For books	-	-	-	-	-	1,402.42
For periodicals	-	-	-	-	-	330.49
For binding books	-	-	-	-	-	116.58
For salaries	-	-	-	-	-	1,520.00
For insurance	-	-	-	-	-	85.90
For fuel	-	-	-	-	-	105.68
For gas	-	-	-	-	-	46.50
For collecting assessments	-	-	-	-	-	64.38
For printing and advertising	-	-	-	-	-	43.10
For blank forms and pamphlet cases	-	-	-	-	-	29.00
For stationery	-	-	-	-	-	26.15
For express and postage	-	-	-	-	-	24.05
For sundries	-	-	-	-	-	23.28
						3,817.53
						303.63
						\$4,121.16

The number of shares issued Sept. 26, 1859, was	-	-	-	-	586
The number issued the past year is	-	-	-	-	5

Making at the present time	-	-	-	591
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Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. BECKWITH, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, 24th September, 1860.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24th, 1860.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Benjamin	223
Aborn James A.	162	Arnold Charles	106
Aborn John W.*	38	Arnold Christopher B.	316
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold George C.	103
Adams George J.	105	Arnold Job	570
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Margaret L.	559
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Richard J.	40
Adler Charles A.	450	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Arnold Welcome	142
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Atwater Joseph H.	157
Allen Candace*	360	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6		
Allen Philip	9	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Philip Jr.	259	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Samuel	449	Baker George	226
Allen William C.*	133	Balch John E.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch Joseph	205
Ames Samuel	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Ballou Hosea Jr.*	169
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Barker Frederick A.	520
Andrews David A.	470	Barker Joseph A.	252
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell Daniel	415	Barstow John	310
Angell Elizabeth (N. Providence)	584	Bartlett John R.	279
Angell James B.	184	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Angell John W.	287	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Burrington*	359	Beckwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry	44	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Bennet Preston	578
Aplin Charles	453	Binney William	558

*Deceased.

Bishop Nathaniel*	471	Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423
Blaisdell Alfred O.	451	Chapin Royal	424
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Blodget William P.	387	Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Child Lewis P.	345
Borden Jefferson (do.)	143	Childs Charles H.	208
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Church Peter	217
Bowen Henry	198	Claflin George L.	482
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clarke James M.	501
Bradford Joseph	250	Clarke John H.	313
Bradford Mary W.	426	Cleveland Almira A.	129
Bradley Charles S.	303	Clifford Marian	47
Brastow Billings	31	Collins George L.	526
Brastow Frank	291	Congdon George W.	257
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Henry T.	510	Cook Caleb C.	352
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Stephen	433
Brown John Carter	77	Cooke Joseph J.	585
Brown Joseph E.	480	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Moses*	1	Cornett Henry T.	265
Brown Nathaniel W.	200	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown Nicholas	547	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown Thomas	212	Crane Jonathan (Attleboro')	455
Brown William	324	Cranston Henry C.	548
Brown William Waterman	219	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown William Whipple	466	Cross Frances E.	225
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross James M.	561
Browne George H.	585	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brownell Richmond	160		
Brownell Sylvester	452		
Bucklin James C.	373	Dana George	395
Bucklin Simon S.	42	Daniels Dexter	484
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daniels George M.	28
Buffum Benjamin	52	Danielson George W.	152
Bullock Julia	502	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock William P.	144	Dart William H.	128
Burges Walter S.	78	Davis Edward N.	524
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis John W.	461
Burrough Joseph	388	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Martha H.	387	Day Daniel	53
Bush Edwin A.	390	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Patience M.	206	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Richard W.	91	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dexter Samuel	95
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Butts Frank	397	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dike Arba B.	483
		Dockray Frederic A.	490
		Dorrance Amey G.	416
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dorrance Tully	244
Calder Albert L.	274	Dorrance William T.	92
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Carlton George E.	327	Drown William H.	338
Carpenter Earl	486	Duncan Alexander	12
Caswell Alexis	270	Duncan David	261
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunn Robinson P.	363
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dunnell Mary	235
Chace William M.	176	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chafee Mary E.	555	Dunwell James P.	412
Chambers Robert B.	443	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chapin Amory*	64	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer Charles	259

Dyer Cyrus	302	Grinnell George	229
Dyer Elisha	159	Grinnell William T.	86
Dyer John	21	Grosvenor William	108
Eames Jane A.	487	Haines William S.	102
Eames Laura C.	107	Hale Isaac	382
Earle Amey Ann	370	Hall Edward B.	263
Earle William	474	Hall George W.	496
Edly Nelson S.*	417	Hallet George W.	37
Ely James W. C.	545	Ham Benjamin W.	437
Evans Rowland	333	Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477
Everett Amherst	238	Hamlin William E.	178
		Harkness Albert	357
		Harkness Thomas	33
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127
Farnum Alexander	228	Harris Phebe*	457
Field Daniel	26	Harris Stephen*	221
Field John A.	209	Hart Charles	553
Field William	15	Hartley George S.*	448
First Baptist Church	405	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hartshorn Isaac	191
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hawes Arnold C. (New York)	207
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Hayes Wingate	93
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fisher Cyrus	147	Heap James	439
Fletcher Thomas	300	Hedge Frederick H.	523
Fletcher William	368	Hedge J. Dunham	309
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Helme William H.	550
Foster Samuel	576	Hill Hiram	163
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hill Paris	134
Francis John N.	590	Hill Thomas J.	363
Franklin Henry P.*	18	Hilton William D.	114
French William S.	318	Hodges Isaac A.	468
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Holden Charles*	29
Fuller Frederick	560	Hoppin George H.	430
		Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
		Hoppin William W.	283
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hoskins James B.	294
Gammell William	286	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Howard William A.	75
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Howland John A.	192
Giles Henry H.	377	Hudson Henry E.	241
Gladding Henry G.	280	Humphry Walker	475
Gladding John C.	295	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Gladding Royal P.	469	Hunt George	364
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354	Hutchins Shubael	123
Glezen Eben K.	407	Hutchins Sterns	175
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519		
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Hope*	404
Goodwin Daniel	315	Ives Hope B.	3
Gorham Jabez	45	Ives Robert H.	4
Gorham John	427		
Greene Albert C. Cashier	492	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Albert G.	332	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Richard W.	73	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Rufus	444	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Sarah A.	290	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Scott	186	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Warren A.	535	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jones Edward S.	512
Greene William Albert*	187	Jones John D.	472
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Greene William H.	545		

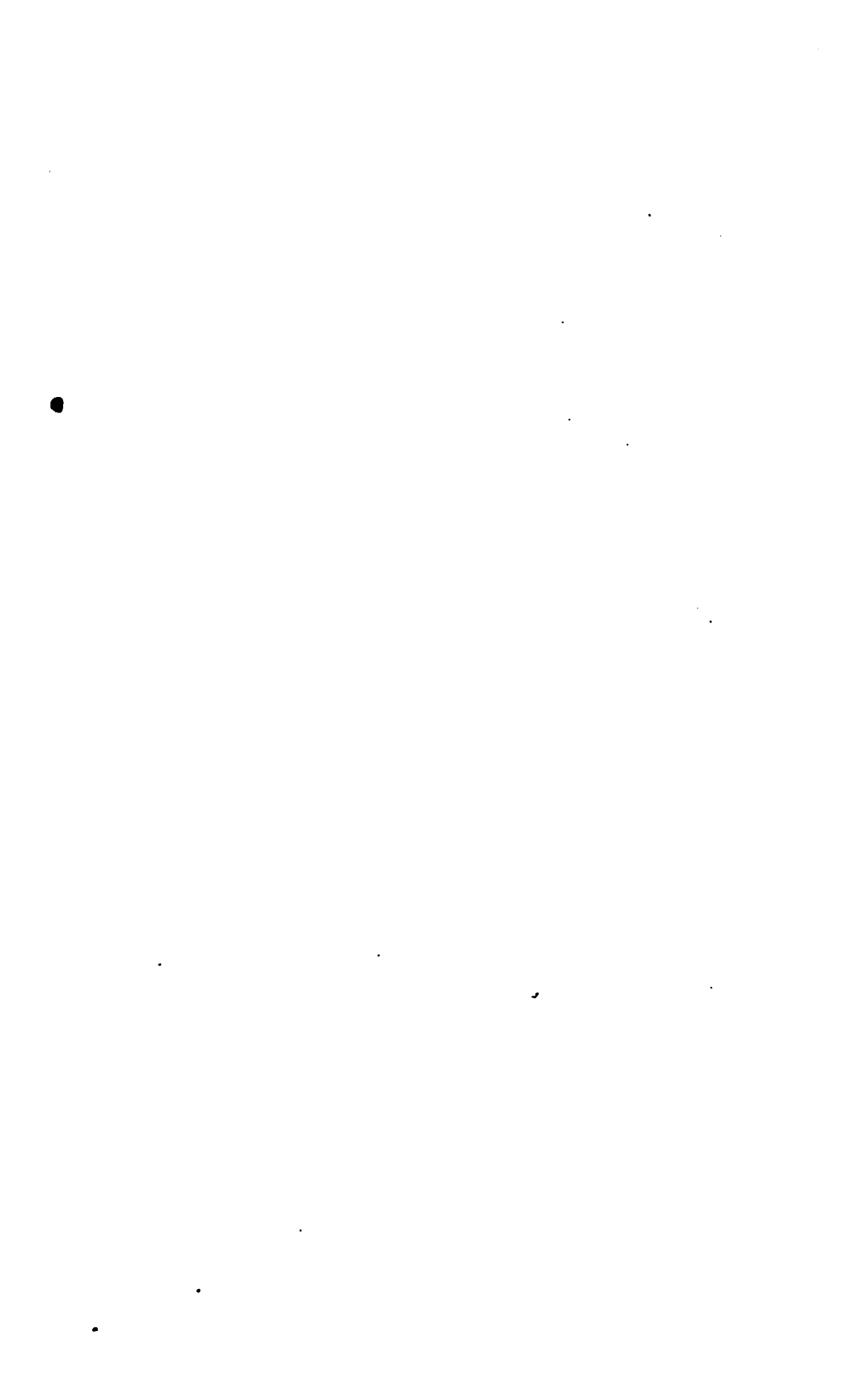
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Kelly Ebenezer*	190	Mowry Martha H.	104
Kelly Wilber*	125	Mowry William G. R.	10
Kendall Henry L.	88		
Kendall Oliver	505		
Kimball Jerome B.	149	Newcomb Rhoda	362
King William J.	571	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Kingsbury John	214	Nichols J. Basset	311
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Knight Henry P.*	233	Nightingale George C.	113
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Knight Robert S.	80	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Knowles Edward P.	488	Nye Oliver C.	581
Knowles John P.	71		
Knowles John P. trustee	262		
Knowles Joseph	268	Okie A. Howard	596
		Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292
		Olney Stephen T.	186
		Ormsbee John S.	347
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Osborn William	340
Larchar John	39	Owen Ezekiel	54
Larned Samuel*	306	Owen George	401
Leach Daniel	515	Owen Smith	389
Lewis Dexter B.	195		
Lincoln John L.	119		
Lippitt Albert D.	567	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lippitt Christopher	150	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lippitt Henry	68	Padelford Seth	111
Lippitt Louisa G.	353	Paige George*	462
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Paine Amasa	115
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Paine Daniel	328
Lyman Henry B.	67	Palmer John B.	500
Lyman John W.	128	Palmer Richard	575
Lyon Mary W.	549	Parkhurst Charles H.	374
		Parkhurst William H.	155
		Parsons Charles W.	35
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Parsons Usher	375
Manchester Albert H. Jr.	188	Patten William S.	237
Manton Amasa	24	Payne Abraham	497
Manton Robert	409	Payton Harvey F.	264
Manton Walter	410	Pearce Edward	185
Martin Joseph	456	Pearce Edward D.	321
Mason Earl P.	258	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mason George	81	Pearson Luther	23
Mason Henry W.	285	Peck Allen O.	211
Mason Owen	216	Peck George B.	376
Mason William H.	331	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mathewson St. Meth. Epils. Church	36	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mauran Abby	62	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mauran Joseph	243	Perry Amos	458
Mauran Suchet	132	Phillips Harley F.	582
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Phillips Thomas	378
Mead Marshall B.	508	Pierce Asa	218
Merrill William S.	314	Pierce Henrietta K.	167
Merriman Charles H.	537	Pierce William G.	422
Metcalf Edwin	254	Pike Jonathan	447
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pitman John	63
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Alfred	120
Miller Frederick	518	Potter Americus V.	239
Miller Lewis L.	146	Potter Charles*	55
Morse Alpheus C.	589	Potter Christopher C.	430

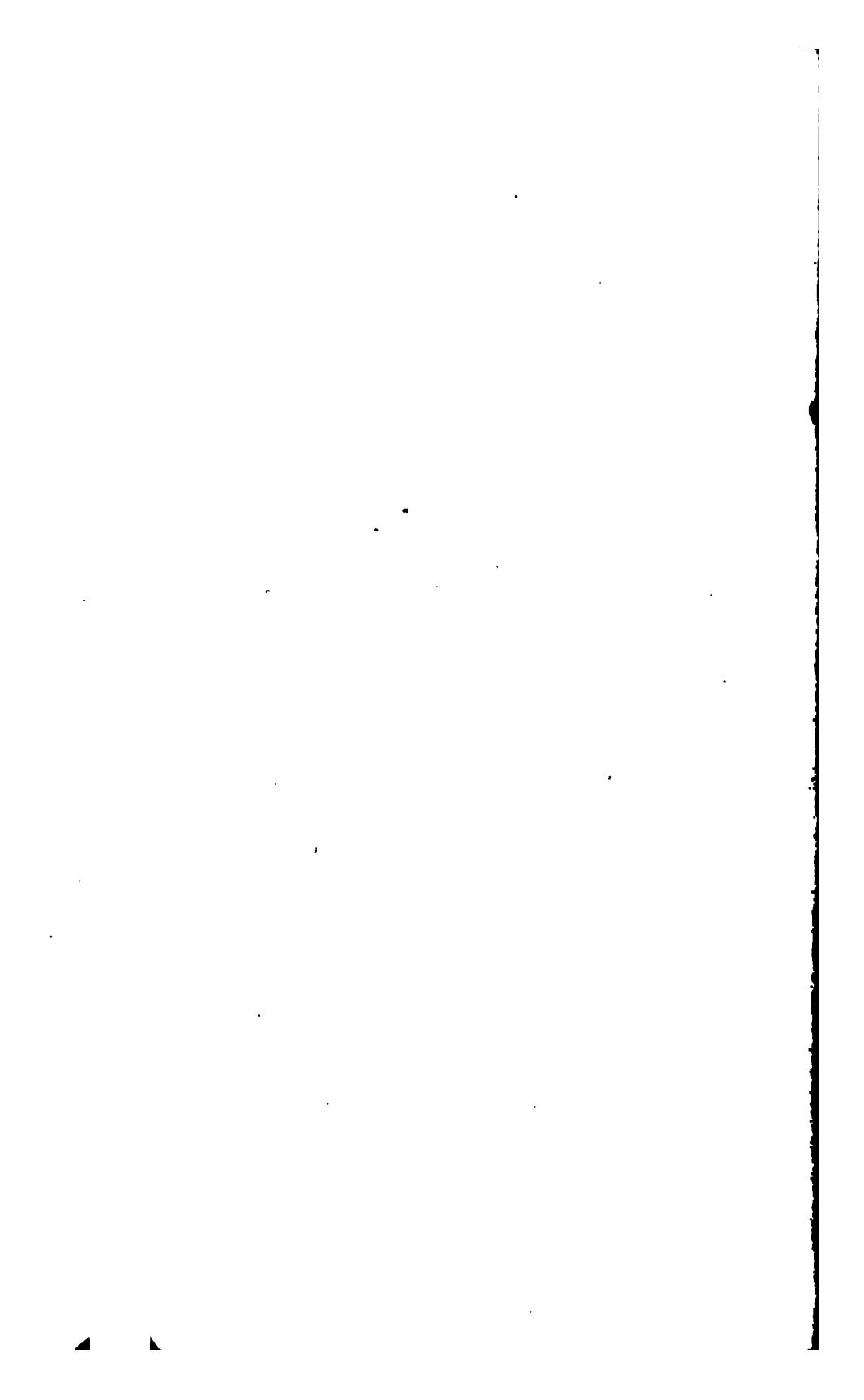
Potter Nathaniel F.	428	Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498
Potter Roger Williams	109	Sprague Amasa*	293
Potter William H.	139	Stafford Robert E.	100
Power St. Meth. Episcopal Church	361	Staples William R.	181
Pratt Peter*	17	Stayner Sarah Hood	569
Pratt William H.	495	Stead Thomas J.	249
Prescott Henry A.	442	Steere Jonah	420
		Steere Thomas E.	16
Randolph John R.	521	Stillwell Samuel S.	170
Rathbone George S.	210	Stimson John J.*	194
Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Sumner Increase	413
Rathbone William P.	118	Sutton Edward	335
Rawson Henry M.	344	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Ray Isaac	435	Swann Elizabeth W.	266
Read Francis	434	Sweet Joseph	276
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432		
Reynolds John*	320	Taft Cyrus	161
Reynolds Mary E.	403	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Taft Orray	59
Rhodes James T.	239	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	58
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Tallman William	372
Richardson Henry	231	Taylor Daniel A.	511
Richmond George G.	534	Taylor John H.	87
Richmond George M.	46	Temple William	436
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thayer Euclid C.	388
Richmond Lewis	479	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494	Thurber Edmund	509
Rickard Roswell E.	43	Thurber Isaac	281
Rivers Mary	531	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Robinson William A.	489	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Rodman William M.	196	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tillinghast Charles F.	74
Rogers Horatio	400	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Albert H.	177
Rounds John M.	83	Tingley Edmund W.	124
		Tingley Henry	297
Sabin Charles	201	Tobey Samuel B.	66
Sacket Adnah*	317	Tompkins John A.	454
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Torrey Moses E.	384
Salisbury Samuel S.	425	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Sanford William	284	Tourtellot John E.	145
Sayles Welcome B.	172	Townsend William C.	122
Shaw Allen	251	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shaw John M.	154	Truman Nathan	248
Shaw Mary A.	587	Tyler Solomon	64
Shearman Sylvester G.	308		
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Udike Walter W.	478
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Udley Leander*	242
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13		
Simons Aaron	325		
Sisson Henry T.	379	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Slater John 2d*	11	Viall William	542
Sleeper George W.	556	Vinton E. Dyer	220
Slocum Jonathan L.	463		
Smith Amos D.	101		
Smith Francis	65	Walcott Edward	48
Smith James Y.	504	Walling Henry F. (New York)	563
Smith John W.	215	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Smith Nathaniel	112	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Smith S. Sterry	90	Warner James M.*	138
Snow Amos W.	151	Waterman Emily	180
Snow Walter B.	467	Waterman Henry	278
Snow William C.	275	Waterman Nancy	289

Waterman Resolved	41	Whitaker Josiah	383
Waterman Rufus	277	Whitaker William	60
Waterman William H.	240	Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199
Watson Matthew*	27	Whitney George H.	224
Wayland Francis	236	Wilcox Everett P.	460
Weeden Benjamin D.	99	Wild Rebecca	398
Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394	Wiley Benjamin B.	562
Weeden William B.	522	Williams William G.	298
Weeden William G.	246	Witter William C.	591
Wells William N.	341	Woodbury Augustus	557
Wheaton Samuel B.	440	Woods Alva	222
Wheeler Bennett W.	282	Woods Marshall 2 shares	490, 579
Whipple John	79	Wright Alfred*	148
Whitaker C. Earle	271		
Whitaker Henry C.	121	Young Edward R.	136

579 owners of one share each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	579
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Providence (R. I.) Athenæum.

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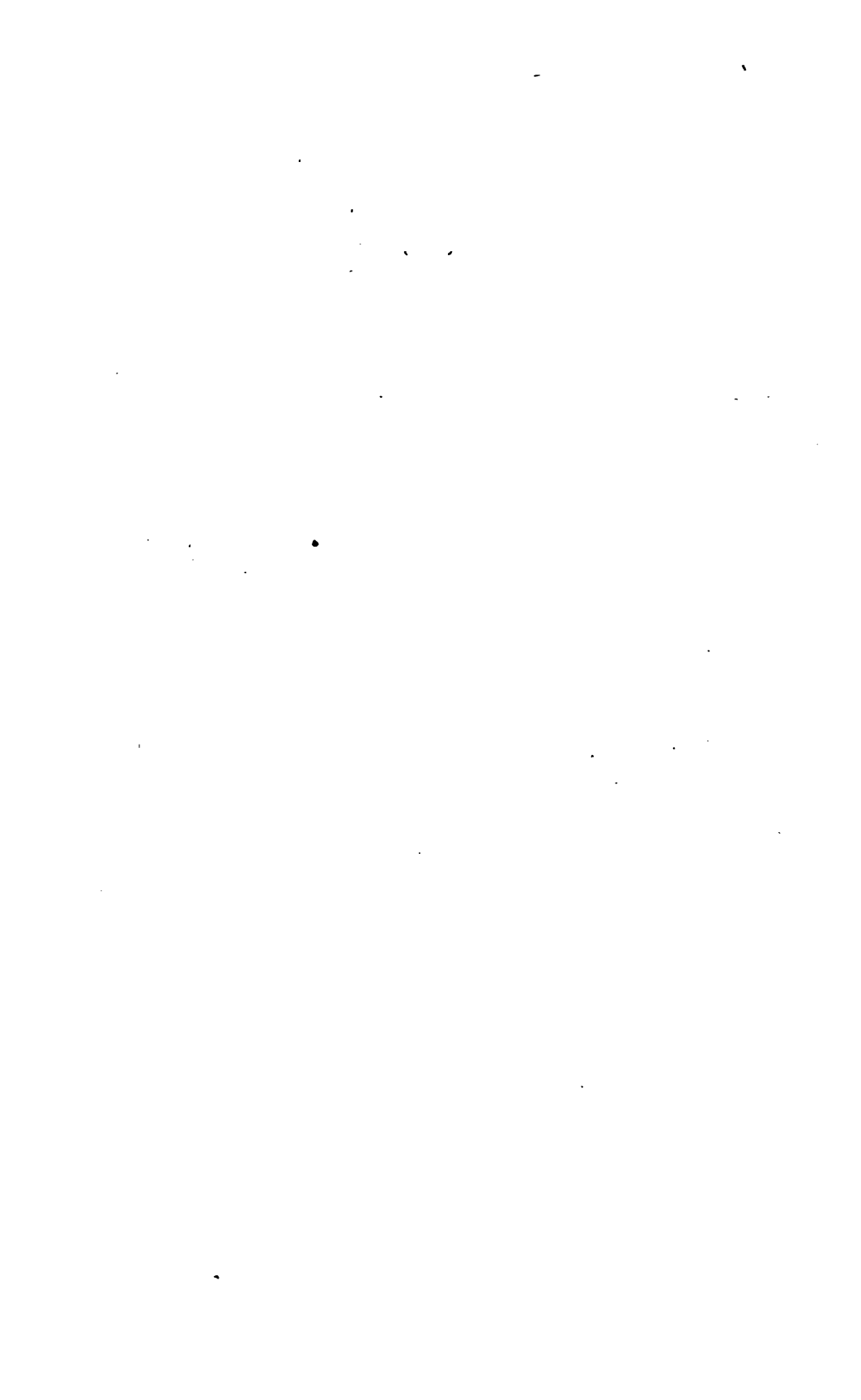
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(R. I.)

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1861.



TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

(R. L.)

PROVIDENCE, ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1861.

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ON ACCOUNTS.

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FREDERICK H. HEDGE, JR., *Assistant Librarian.*



REPORT.

The Board of Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM present to its Shareholders the Twenty-sixth Annual Report "of the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the Institution."

A meeting of the Directors was held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the proprietors; and William S. Patten was re-elected President, and Alexis Caswell Vice-president, for the ensuing year. J. Dunham Hedge was re-appointed Librarian, and Frederick H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian. The salary of the Librarian was continued at nine hundred dollars, and that of the Assistant at five hundred dollars. The organization of the Board was completed by the appointment of the usual Standing Committee for the year.

James B. Angell, who was elected a director at the Annual Meeting of the proprietors, having resigned, the vacancy thus caused was filled by the Board by the election of John N. Francis as a Director, on the 5th of November.

The more immediate wants of the Institution, relating to the convenient arrangement and use of the Library, were indi-

cated by the following votes, passed at the last Annual Meeting of the proprietors.

“ Resolved, That the Board of Directors be authorized to make such alterations or additions to the present alcoves in the Library as they may deem advisable, in view of the future increase and better arrangement of the Library. But, in case it is, in their opinion, expedient that any alteration or addition should be made, outside of the present walls of the building, they are requested to report, at a special meeting of the Corporation, such plan as they may approve, with estimates of the probable expense of carrying the same into effect.”

“ Voted, That the directors be authorized to cause a Supplemental Catalogue to be printed and bound, of the additions to the Library since the publication of the last catalogue.”

Upon consideration of the first subject thus referred to the Board, it being evident that no proper measures could be taken to provide extensive accommodations for the future increase of the Library, to any adequate extent, or upon any plan sufficiently thorough, without great alterations in the present alcoves, or a new arrangement of the shelves in one or both of the principal rooms,—which would require a much greater expenditure than the Board deemed at present advisable,—the subject was referred by them to the Library Committee, the Committee on the Building and Grounds, and the Librarian, with power to take such measures as were necessary to provide the increased library accommodations immediately required. They have caused shelves to be erected in the central passage of the east room of the principal story, sufficient to contain about fifteen hundred volumes ; and have also caused shelves to be placed covering the west end of the Reading Room in the basement, sufficient for three or four thousand volumes. The work was satisfactorily done by Sturgis P. Carpenter.

The cost of the shelves in the East Room being	\$22 40
“ “ “ “ “ Basement “	59 54
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	\$81 94

The subject of the preparation of a Supplemental Catalogue of the Library was placed, by the Board, in the hands of the Library Committee and the Librarian. The Catalogue, prepared by the Librarian, has been finished and printed under the direction of two of the Committee,—Messrs Samuel W. Peckham and Augustus Woodbury. A full index has been made by Mr. Peckham, which is now in the press, and the volume will soon be ready for delivery to the shareholders.

The state of the country, during the past year, has necessarily been very unfavorable to the growth and prosperity of its literary institutions, especially of those like this. All the arts of peace languish amid the heat and turmoil of war; and everything else is absorbed in the overwhelming importance of the one great interest at stake in the national strife in which we are now involved.

It is owing principally to this cause that the number of volumes added to the Library, during the past year, is much below the average, being only six hundred and sixty-three. The number of pamphlets added is sixty-eight.

Of the Volumes, there have been added—

By purchase	-	-	-	-	547
By binding of periodicals	-	-	-	-	108
					— 655
By donation	-	-	-	-	28
					— 683

Of the Pamphlets there were added—

By purchase	-	-	-	-	-	8
By donation	-	-	-	-	-	60
						— 68

The Volumes added may be classified as follows—

Folios	-	-	-	-	-	11
Quartos	-	-	-	-	-	30
Octavos	-	-	-	-	-	393
Duodecimos and under	-	-	-	-	-	249
						— 683

The number of Volumes in the Library, according to the last Annual Report, was	-	-	-	25 066
Additions during this year	-	-	-	683
Total	-	-	-	25 749

Two Maps have been added to the Library during the past year, by donation.

Some of the works purchased have been comparatively costly, such as the English edition of Ruskin's Works, Brydges' British Bibliographer, &c.; and the books added during the year will compare favorably with those already on the shelves.

The whole number of Books taken out during the year is 19 179.

Of these, of Fiction	-	-	-	10 873
Of Biography and History	-	-	-	3 078
Of Poetry and Belles Lettres	-	-	-	1 679
Of Voyages and Travels	-	-	-	997
Of Miscellaneous	-	-	-	805
Of Religion	-	-	-	777
Of Arts and Sciences	-	-	-	775
Of Periodicals	-	-	-	695

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The greatest number taken out during any one month, was in March - - - - - 2 187

The greatest number taken out in any one day, was on the 23d of February - - - - - 189

The whole number of shares used during the year was 545

The greatest number of books taken out on one share was - - - - - 178

The usual annual examination of the Library has been made, under the direction of a Committee of the Board. The number of volumes missing and not accounted for is nineteen.

By the Annual Report of the Treasurer, it appears—

That the balance on hand, Sept. 27, 1860, was \$308 63

That the Receipts for the past year, were 8,712 94

\$4,016 57

That the Payments for the year were—

For Books and Periodicals - \$1,142 28

For other expenses - - 2,144 20

\$3,286 48

Leaving balance on hand - - 780 14

\$4,016 57

That the present number of shares is the same as that contained in the last Annual Report, viz., 591 ; no new shares having been sold during the past year.

Believing that a condensed statement of the facts showing the annual progress and increase of the Library, to the present time, from the organization of the present Institution, by the union of the Providence Library Company and the original Athenæum Corporation, in 1836, will be interesting to the proprietors, the following Tables have been prepared. They give, in a condensed form, the results of the exertions which have been made, by the supporters of the Athenæum, to collect a library adequate to the wants of such a community as ours. These Tables show—

The whole number of volumes added to the Library in each year.

The whole number of volumes received by donation in in each year.

The expenditures for books in each year.

The expenditures for other purposes in each year.

The total expenditures in each year.

The whole number of shareholders, in each year.

The whole number of shares in each year.

Also, the whole number of books taken from the Library, for use, in each year.

NUMBER AND DATE OF REPORT.			INCREASE OF LIBRARY.		
			Books added.	Books given.	Books Total.
1.	February,	1837 . .	4162	4	4,162
2.	September,	1837 . .	838	6	5,000
3.	"	1838 . .	1041	34	6,041
4.	"	1839 . .	1154	215	7,195
5.	"	1840 . .	1190	321	8,385
6.	"	1841 . .	702	85	9,087
7.	"	1842 . .	506	19	9,593
8.	"	1843 . .	892	93	10,485
9.	"	1844 . .	787	15	11,272
10.	"	1845 . .	813	31	12,085
11.	"	1846 . .	817	34	12,902
12.	"	1847 . .	531	21	13,433
13.	"	1848 . .	1018	97	14,451
14.	"	1849 . .	653	19	15,104
15.	"	1850 . .	707	20	15,811
16.	"	1851 . .	691	32	16,502
17.	"	1852 . .	775	84	17,277
18.	"	1853 . .	744	45	18,021
19.	"	1854 . .	780	104	18,801
20.	"	1855 . .	718	190	19,519
21.	"	1856 . .	748	131	20,267
22.	"	1857 . .	1562	125	21,829
23.	"	1858 . .	773	88	22,602
24.	"	1859 . .	1400	123	24,002
25.	"	1860 . .	1064	44	25,066
26.	"	1861 . .	683	28	25,749

NUMBER AND DATE OF REPORT.	ANNUAL EXPENSES.		
	Expense of Books.	Other expenses.	Total expense.
1. February, 1837 } 2. September, 1837 } 3. " 1838 }	9,877 29	22,225 59	31,602 88
4. " 1839	853 43	2,133 86	2,987 29
5. " 1840	1,145 81	1,399 38	2,545 19
6. " 1841	1,202 55	1,765 89	2,968 44
7. " 1842	691 09	1,156 48	1,847 57.
8. " 1843	1,555 39	1,412 01	2,967 40
9. " 1844	1,799 50	1,187 38	2,986 88
10. " 1845	1,326 55	1,486 19	2,812 74
11. " 1846	1,485 66	1,469 81	2,955 47
12. " 1847	1,380 37	1,716 43	3,096 80
13. " 1848	1,227 96	1,922 55	3,150 51
14. " 1849	1,237 04	1,717 74	2,954 78
15. " 1850	1,752 03	3,257 19	5,009 22
16. " 1851	1,446 60	2,086 60	3,533 20
17. " 1852	1,756 97	4,570 27	6,327 24
18. " 1853	1,455 05	2,661 21	4,116 26
19. " 1854	1,499 94	3,046 22	4,546 16
20. " 1855	823 90	2,823 02	3,646 92
21. " 1856	1,152 74	2,262 94	3,415 68
22. " 1857	2,108 40	2,185 57	4,293 97
23. " 1858	1,319 08	2,517 73	3,836 81
24. " 1859	1,603 63	2,021 07	3,624 70
25. " 1860	1,849 49	1,968 04	3,817 53
26. " 1861	1,142 23	2,144 20	3,286 43
	\$41,192 70	\$71,137 37	\$112,330 07

NUMBER AND DATE OF REPORT.	SHARES.		Circulation.
	Share-holders.	No. of Shares.	
1. February, 1837 . .	292	293	
2. September, 1837 . .	302	303	3,684
3. " 1838 . .	374*	375	7,504
4. " 1839 . .	383	386	10,236
5. " 1840 . .	396	400	12,506
6. " 1841 . .	406	411	15,152
7. " 1842 . .	416	422	15,567
8. " 1843 . .	421	427	14,303
9. " 1844 . .	421	427	14,855
10. " 1845 . .	422	428	15,518
11. " 1846 . .	429	435	17,346
12. " 1847 . .	440	449	17,244
13. " 1848 . .	477†	486	17,887
14. " 1849 . .	491†	501	18,895
15. " 1850 . .	516†	524	19,707
16. " 1851 . .	531	537	19,304
17. " 1852 . .	538	545	19,223
18. " 1853 . .	549	556	19,413
19. " 1854 . .	558	564	18,587
20. " 1855 . .	561	567	18,720
21. " 1856 . .	567	572	17,846
22. " 1857 . .	576	580	19,289
23. " 1858 . .	576	580	21,838
24. " 1859 . .	581	586	20,353
25. " 1860 . .	585	591	20,311
26. " 1861 . .	584	591	19,179

* This increase was owing to the impulse received from the completion and occupation of the Athenæum building.

† The more than usual increase in these years was owing to the exertions of committees appointed by the proprietors.

Among the donations received, the one most worthy of remark is "The Art Treasures of the United Kingdom, from the Art Treasures Exhibition, Manchester; edited by J. B. Waring." This is a volume, exhibiting, by elegant colored illustrations, accompanied by explanatory essays, the most rare and precious works of art which were contained in the immense collection exhibited at Manchester. It is in folio; and as respects paper, printing, illustration and binding, it is a most finished specimen of the bookmaker's art. It was the gift of our fellow citizen, Alexander Duncan, Esq.

From the same gentleman have also been received the Reports of the Registrar General, of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England, for the years 1850 to 1858 inclusive, (9 volumes octavo,) comprising the Reports from the Thirteenth to the Twenty-first. The volumes containing the twelve previous Reports had been already presented by him.

These gifts were received and acknowledged by the Board, in the manner described in the following extract from their Records of January 7th, 1861, viz :

"The following letter from the President of the Board is read."

Providence, Jan. 7, 1861.

GENTLEMEN :

At the request of Alexander Duncan, Esq., I place in your possession—

"The Art Treasures of the United Kingdom,"
London Edition, 1858.

A gift from him to the Athenæum.

It is the most beautiful single book among the many choice works which the Athenæum contains.

Had he not made me his agent in transmitting this splendid present, I should give utterance to warm expressions of the obligations of the Institution to him for his noble liberality to it, often repeated, and for this new exercise of it.

Respectfully Yours,

WILLIAM S. PATTEN.

To the Board of Directors of the Athenæum, Providence, R. I.

The Board voted, "That the thanks of the Directors of the Providence Athenæum be presented to Alexander Duncan, Esq., for the generous expression of his interest in the Athenæum, in the presentation of 'Art Treasures of the United Kingdom,' and nine volumes of the 'Annual Reports of the Registrar General of England, from 1850 to 1858.'

The Secretary is directed to transmit to Mr. Duncan a copy of the above vote, signed by the President and Secretary."

A valuable and interesting donation, procured for the Athenæum by Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D., while recently in Italy, and presented by him, is now on its way from Leghorn, and its arrival is daily expected. In anticipation of its reception, the members of the Corporation will doubtless be gratified by Professor Caswell's description of the beautiful gift.

"Among the magnificent remains in the Roman Forum, there are seven fluted, white marble columns, of the Corinthian order, and of exquisite workmanship. There are two groups, of three each, and are standing alone.

One of these groups, forming a corner of the building near the foot of the Capitoline Hill, is known as a part of the front of the Temple of Jupiter Tonans. The columns are 47 feet high and about 4½ feet in diameter at the base. The height of the entablature is nearly 10 feet, and remains sufficiently perfect to show its exact construction. A part of the frieze bears the inscription—'restituer;' which is thought by Canini to stand for the word *restitu-erunt*, indicating that the edifice had been destroyed, or injured, and restored.

The other group stands at the opposite extremity of the Forum. These columns are in a right line, and have usually been designated as belonging to the Temple of Jupiter Stator. They formed a portion of its front, and still sustain the entablature, in a good state of preservation. In size, these are a little larger than the previous, and not exactly of the same proportions. This is said by Gwilt to have been 'the most beautiful temple of the Corinthian order, that perhaps ever existed.' The names of these temples are, perhaps, unimportant; but it may be mentioned, that the researches of Canini led him to the conclusion that the former was the Temple of Vespasian, and the latter the Temple of Minerva Chalcidica.

The single column, standing nearly mid-way between the two temples, is the one described by Byron as the 'nameless column, with the buried base.'* Excavations, however, since his time, have uncovered an inscription which shows that it was erected to the memory of Phocas.

These columns have served, probably, more than any others extant, to determine the true form and dimensions of the Corinthian

*Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto IV. S. 110.

column. They are figured and described in many architectural works, and particularly in the great work of Canini on the Edifices of Ancient Rome. Every visitor in Rome makes it almost his first business to hasten to the Forum, to see them in their grandeur and their desolation.

When I was there during the last winter, as I gazed again and again upon them, it occurred to me that I could not render a better service to the Providence Athenæum, than by placing accurate copies of these much admired remains of ancient art in its halls. I hoped, also, that they would interest and gratify the public, and would be especially welcomed by the lovers of art; and minister, in some degree, to the growth of a correct architectural taste among us. They are of large size, (for copies,) and have been executed to order in the rich, yellow antique marble, with minute fidelity to the originals.

Donations have also been received from the following persons and Associations. It will be seen that the number is somewhat less than it was last year.

Henry B. Anthony,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
John R. Bartlett,	Librarian of Brown University,
Alexis Caswell,	Librarian of Harvard University,
William F. Channing,	New York State Library,
George L. Collins,	Ohio State Library,
William Douglas,	Peabody Institute, of South Dan-
Thomas A. Doyle,	vers,
Thomas L. Dunnell,	Providence Association of Me-
Reuben A. Guild,	chanics and Manufacturers,
J. D. Hedge,	Rhode Island Medical Society,
Albert J. Jones,	Rhode Island Society for the En-
S. C. Newman,	couragement of Domestic
Usher Parsons,	Industry,
Isaac Pitman, Jr.,	Saint Louis Mercantile Library
Roger Williams Potter,	Association,
Isaac Ray,	Smithsonian Institution,
William P. Sheffield,	State of Rhode Island,
Edwin M. Snow,	Tennessee State Library,
John C. Thompson, Jr.,	Trustees of Free Public Library,
American Antiquarian Society,	New Bedford,
American Association for the Ad-	Trustees of New York Society
vancement of Science,	Library,
American Association for the Im-	Trustees of the Public Library,
provement of Penal and	Boston,
Reformatory Institutions,	United States Patent Office,
City of Providence,	Washington Insurance Company,
Directors of the Public Library,	Providence,
Worcester,	Wilmington Institute, Delaware,
Directors of the Redwood Li-	Young Men's Association, Buffalo.
brary, Newport,	

The Board notice that seven of the shareholders have died during the past year, viz :

WILLIAM H. DART, of Providence.

WILLIAM A. HOWARD, of Providence.

OLIVER C. NYE, of Providence.

HENRY A. PRESCOTT, of Providence, (who fell in the battle at Bull Run, on the 21st of July last, and whose death has been deeply regretted wherever he was known.)

WALTER W. UPDIKE, of Providence.

ELISHA DYER VINTON, of Providence.

MISS ELIZABETH ANGELL, of North Providence.

And now, at the close of another year of its existence, we, to whom, during the year, you confided the direction of its affairs and the guardianship of its interests, congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of this your cherished Institution.

During the quarter of a century which has passed away since its present organization, much has been done to accomplish the wishes, and realize the hopes of those whose judicious liberality, enlightened public spirit and unwearied personal efforts secured its permanent establishment. Not a few of them have been called from the scenes of time, leaving to us, and to those who will succeed us, the duty and privilege of supporting and carrying forward the work which they so well begun. May their good example excite us, willingly and gratefully to aid in building up a structure fit to stand upon the foundation which they laid ; a structure, which those who will succeed us, in the coming generations, may delight to fill with the choicest treasures of intellect, gathered in the records of the past ; with all which the future may produce, worthy of such companionship ; and with the gems of taste and art which an institution like this, more than any other social combination, is fitted to encourage and call forth.

For the Board of Directors,

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The TREASURER reports as follows:

There was on hand September 24th, 1860 - - - - - \$303.63

The Receipts for the year have been as follows:

For fines - - - - -	78.69
For dividends and interest on stocks - - - - -	710.00
For taxes on 588 shares - - - - -	2,890.00
For 4 shares sold at public auction - - - - -	20.00
For books sold - - - - -	14.25
	\$3,712.94
	\$4,016.57

The Payments for the same time have been:

For books - - - - -	975.37
For periodicals - - - - -	166.86
For binding books - - - - -	115.67
For salaries - - - - -	1,520.00
For insurance - - - - -	56.00
For fuel - - - - -	121.09
For gas - - - - -	36.30
For collecting assessments - - - - -	64.62
For printing and advertisements - - - - -	41.27
For expresses and postage - - - - -	34.93
For sundries - - - - -	154.32
	Expenditures - - - - - \$3,286.43
	Cash - - - - - 730.14
	\$4,016.57

The number of shares at present are 591, the same as last year; no new shares having been made.

Very respectfully submitted,

AMASA PAINE, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, 23d September, 1861.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23d, 1861.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold John N.	223
Aborn James A.	182	Arnold Charles	108
Aborn John W.*	38	Arnold Christopher B.	316
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold George C.	103
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Job	570
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Margaret L.	559
Adler Charles A.	450	Arnold Richard J.	40
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Arnold Welcome	142
Allen Candace*	380	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6		
Allen Philip	9	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bailey William M.	185
Allen Samuel	449	Baker George	226
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch John R.	349
Ames Samuel	171	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Ballou F. M.	200
Andrews David A.	470	Ballou Hosea Jr.*	169
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barker Frederick A.	520
Angell Daniel	415	Barker Joseph A.	252
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell Elizabeth* (N. Providence)	584	Barstow John	310
Angell James B.	184	Bartlett John R.	279
Angell John W.	287	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Anthony Burrington*	359	Beckwith Henry T.	289
Anthony Henry	44	Beckwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry B.	414	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Benevolent Congregational Society	343
Anthony Thomas S.	530	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Aplin Charles	453	Bennet Preston	578
Armington James H.	331	Binney William	558

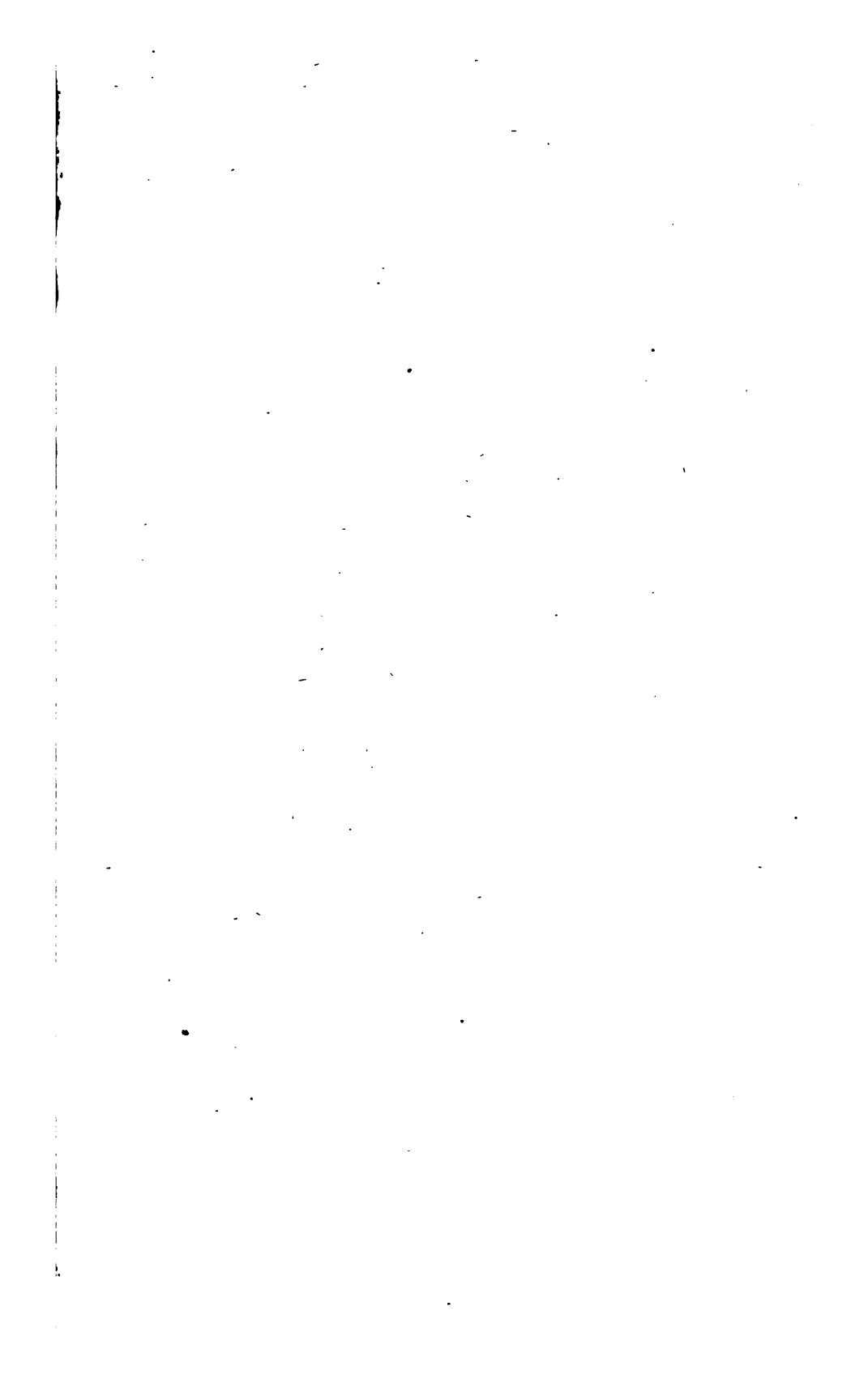
* Deceased.

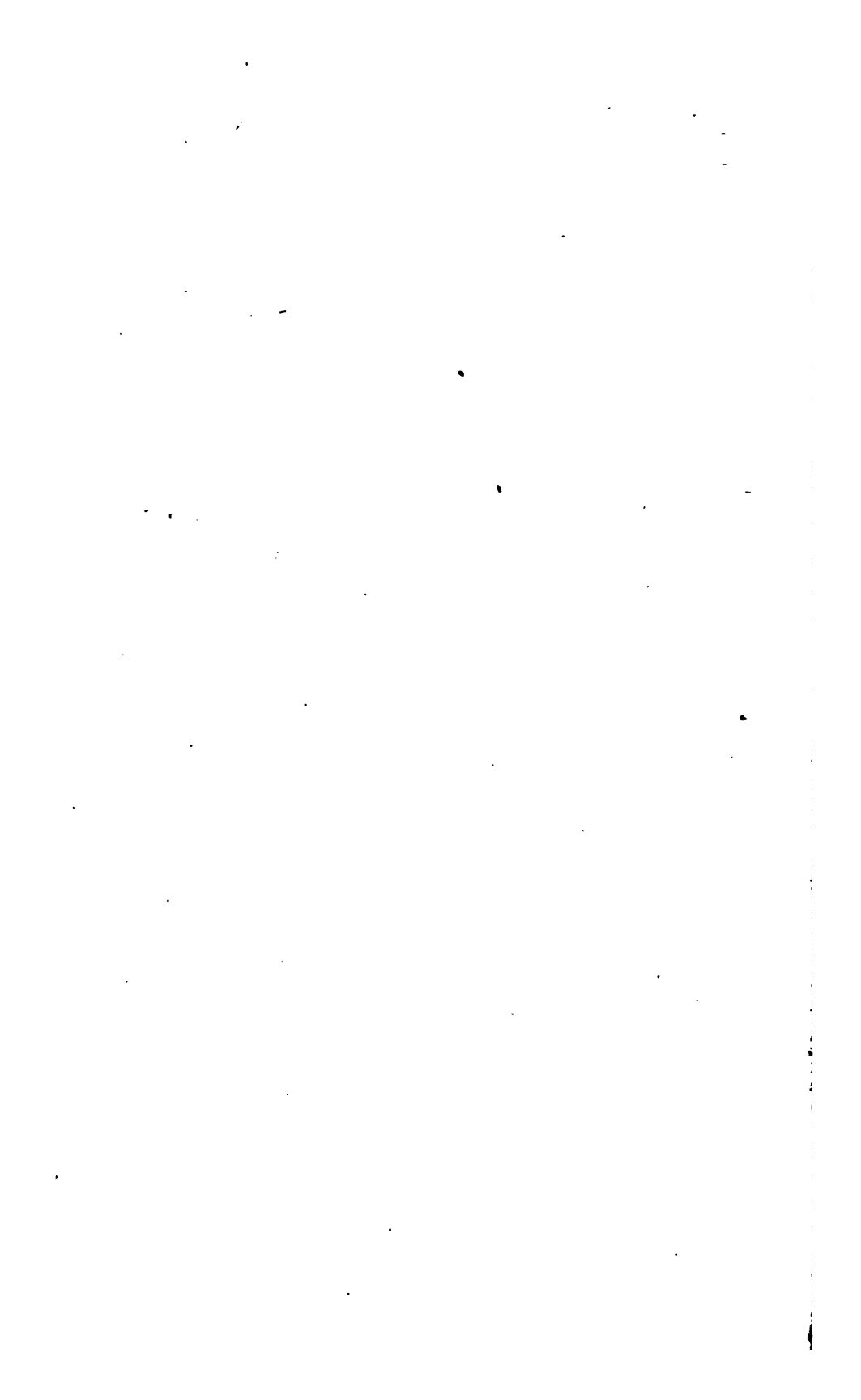
Bishop Nathaniel*	471	Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423
Blaisdell Alfred O.	451	Chapin Royal	424
Blodget Samuel C.	110, 222	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Blodget William P.	387	Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Child Lewis P.	345
Borden Jefferson (do.)	143	Childs Charles H.	208
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Church Peter	217
Bowen Henry	198	Clafin George L.	482
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clarke James M.	501
Bradford Joseph	250	Clarke John H.	313
Bradford Mary W.	426	Cleveland Almira A.	129
Bradley Charles S.	303	Clifford Marian	47
Brastow Billings	31	Collins George L.	526
Brastow Frank	291	Congdon George W.	257
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	356	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Henry T.	510	Cook Caleb C.	352
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Stephen	433
Brown John Carter	77	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Brown Joseph R.	480	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Moses*	1	Cornett Henry T.	265
Brown Nicholas	547	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Brown Thomas	212	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown William	324	Crane Jonathan (Attleboro)	455
Brown William Waterman	219	Cranston Henry C.	548
Brown William Whipple	466	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross Frances E.	225
Browne George H.	585	Cross James M.	561
Brownell Richmond	160	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brownell Sylvester	452		
Bucklin James C.	373	Dana George	395
Bucklin Simon S.	42	Daniels Dexter	484
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daniels George M.	28
Buffum Benjamin	52	Danielson George W.	152
Bullock Julia	502	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock William P.	144	Dart William H.*	128
Burges Walter S.	76	Davis Edward N.	524
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis John W.	461
Burrough Joseph	388	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Martha H.	367	Day Daniel	53
Bush Edwin A.	390	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Patience M.	206	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Richard W.	91	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dexter Samuel	95
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Butts Frank	397	Dike Alvyn V.	137
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dike Arba B.	463
		Dorrance Amey G.	416
		Dorrance Tully	244
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dorrance William T.	92
Calder Albert L.	274	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Caldwell Samuel L.	579	Drown William H.	338
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Duncan Alexander	12
Carlton George E.	327	Duncan David	261
Carpenter Karl	486	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Caswell Alexis	270	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	333
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunnell Mary	235
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dunwell James P.	412
Chace William M.	176	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chafee Mary E.	555	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chambers Robert B.	443	Dyer Charles	259
Channing William F.	105	Dyer Cyrus	302
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer John	21

Eames Jane A.	487	Hall Edward B.	263
Eames Laura C.	107	Hall George W.	406
Earle Amey Ann	370	Hallet George W.	37
Earle William	474	Ham Benjamin W.	437
Eddy Nelson S.*	417	Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477
Ely James W. C.	545	Hamlin William E.	178
Evans Rowland	333	Harkness Albert	357
Everett Amherst	238	Harkness Thomas	33
		Harris Geo. J. (N. Providence)	127
		Harris Avis L.	457
Farnsworth Claudius B.	569	Harris Stephen*	221
Farnum Alexander	228	Hart Charles	553
Field Daniel	26	Hartley George S.*	448
Field John A.	209	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	498
Field William	15	Hartshorn Isaac	191
First Baptist Church	405	Hawes Amos B.	207
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hayes Wingate	93
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Heap James	439
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hedzie Frederick H. Jr.	523
Fisher Cyrus	147	Hedge J. Dunham	309
Fletcher Thomas	300	Helme William H.	550
Fletcher William	368	Hill Hiram	163
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hill Paris	134
Poster Samuel	576	Hill Thomas J.	363
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hilton William D.	114
Francis John N.	590	Hodges Isaac A.	468
Franklin Henry P.*	18	Holden Charles*	29
French William S.	318	Hoppin George H.	430
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Fuller Frederick	560	Hoppin William W.	288
		Hoskins James B.	294
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gammell William	286	Howard William A.*	75
Gardiner Malachi B.	193	Howland John A.	192
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hudson Henry E.	241
Giles Henry H.	377	Humphry Walker	475
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Gladding John C.	245	Hunt George	364
Gladding Royal P.	469	Hutchins Shubael	123
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354	Hutchins Sterns	175
Glezen Eben K.	407		
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Ives Hope*	404
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Hope B.	3
Goff Amey S.	499	Ives Robert H.	4
Goodwin Daniel	315		
Gorham Jabez	45	Jackson Charles E.	541
Gorham John	427	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Albert C. Cashier	492	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Albert G.	332	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	510
Greene Ardella E.	342	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Richard W.	73	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Rufus	444	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Sarah A.	290	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene Scott	166	Jones Edward S.	512
Greene Warren S.	535	Jones John D.	472
Greene Welcome A.	358	Joslin Susan R.	473
Greene William Albert*	187		
Greene William Albert	164	Keith Christopher T.	507
Greene William H.	543	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Grinnell George	229	Kelly Wilber*	125
Grinnell William T.	86	Kendall Henry L.	86
Grosvenor William	108	Kendall Oliver	505
		Kimball Jerome B.	149
Haines William S.	102		
Hale Isaac	362		

King William J.	571	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Kingsbury John	214	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nye Oliver C.*	581
Knight Henry P.*	233		
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89		
Knight Robert S.	80	Okie A. Howard	586
Knowles Edward P.	488	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Knowles John P.	71	Olney Stephen T.	186
Knowles John P. Trustee	262	Ormsbee John S.	347
Knowles Joseph	268	Osborn William	340
		Owen Ezekiel	54
		Owen George	401
		Owen Smith	369
Lapham Benjamin J.	446		
Larchar John	39		
Larned Samuel*	306	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Leach Daniel	515	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Padelford Seth	111
Lincoln John L.	119	Paine Amasa	115
Lippitt Albert D.	567	Paine Daniel	328
Lippitt Christopher	150	Palmer John B.	500
Lippitt Henry	68	Palmer Richard	575
Lippitt Louisa G.	353	Parkhurst Charles H.	374
Llewellyn James M.	157	Parkhurst William H.	155
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Parsons Charles W.	35
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Parsons Usher	375
Lyman Henry B.	67	Patten William S.	237
Lyman John W.	126	Payne Abraham*	497
Lyon Mary W.	549	Payton Eliza J.	264
		Pearce Edward	185
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Pearce Edward D.	321
Manton Amasa	24	Pearce Thomas*	30
Manton Robert	409	Pearson Luther	23
Manton Walter	410	Peck Allen O.	211
Martin Joseph	456	Peck George B.	376
Mason Earl P.	258	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason George	81	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mason Henry W.	285	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Perry Amos	458
Mauran Abby	62	Phillips Harley F.	562
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Phillips Thomas	378
Mauran Joseph	243	Pierce Asa	218
Mauran Suchet	132	Pierce Henrietta K.	167
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Pierce William G.	422
Mead Marshall B.	508	Pike Jonathan	447
Merrill William S.	314	Pitman John	63
Merriman Charles H.	537	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Metcalf Edwin	254	Potter Alfred	120
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Potter Americus V.	239
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Potter Charles*	55
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Christopher C.	459
Miller Frederick	515	Potter James W.	556
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Potter Roger Williams	109
Mowry Martha H.	104	Potter William H.	139
Mowry William G. R.	10	Power St Meth. Episcopal Church	361
		Pratt Peter*	17
		Pratt William H.	495
		Prescott Henry A.*	442
Newcomb Rhoda	362		
Nichols Emeline B.	577		
Nichols J. Basset	311		
Nightingale Edwin J.	299	Randolph John R.	521
Nightingale George C.	113	Rathbone George S.	210

Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Swann Elizabeth W.	266
Rathbone William P.	118	Sweet Joseph	276
Rawson Henry M.	344		
Ray Isaac	435		
Read Francis	434		
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432	Taft Cyrus	161
Reynolds John*	320	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Reynolds Mary E.	403	Taft Orray	59
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes James T.	232	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Tallman William	372
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Taylor Daniel A. 2 shares	511, 534
Richardson Henry	231	Taylor John H.	87
Richmond George M.	46	Temple William	436
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thayer Euclid C.	366
Richmond Lewis	479	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Richmond St. Cong'l Society	494	Thurber Edmund	509
Rickard Roswell R.	43	Thurber Isaac	261
Rivers Mary	531	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Robinson William A.	489	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Rodman William M.	196	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tillinghast Charles F.	74
Rogers Horatio	400	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Albert H.	177
Rounds John M.	83	Tingley Edmund W.	124
		Tingley Henry	297
		Tobey John F.	462
Sabin Charles	201	Tobey Samuel B.	66
Sacket Adnah*	317	Tompkins John A.	454
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Torrey Moses E.	384
Salisbury Samuel S.	425	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Sanford William	264	Tourtellot John E.	145
Sayles Welcome B.*	172	Townsend William C.	122
Shaw Allen	251	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shaw John M.	154	Truman Nathan	248
Shaw Mary A.	587	Tyler Solomon	64
Shearman Sylvester G.	306		
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Udike Walter W.*	475
Sheldon Nicholas	188	Udley Leander*	242
Shepard Thomas P.	385		
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13		
Simons Aaron	325	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Sisson Henry T.	379	Vial William	542
Slater John 2d*	11	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Stocum Jonathan L.	463		
Smith Amos D.	101		
Smith Francis	65	Walcott Edward	48
Smith James Y.	504	Walling Henry F. (New York)	561
Smith John W.	215	Wardwell Stephen P.	563
Smith Nathaniel	112	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Smith S. Sterry	90	Warner James M.*	138
Snow Amos W.	151	Waterman Emily	180
Snow Walter B.	467	Waterman Henry	278
Snow William C.	275	Waterman Nancy	289
Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498	Waterman Resolved	41
Sprague Amasa*	293	Waterman Rufus	277
Stafford Robert R.	100	Waterman William H.	240
Staples William R.	181	Watson Matthew*	27
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Wayland Francis	236
Stead Thomas J.	249	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Steere Jonah	420	Weeden Stephen E. (N. Providence)	394
Steere Thomas E.	16	Weeden William B.	522
Stillwell Samuel S.	170	Weeden William G.	246
Stimson John J.*	194	Wells Henry A.	341
Sumner Increase	413	Wheaton Samuel B.	440
Sutton Edward	335	Wheeler Bennett W.	262
Swan Jarvis B.	255	Wheelock Godfrey	456





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(R. I.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1862.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE
(R. A.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1862.

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OFFICERS OF THE ATHENÆUM,
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R E P O R T .

THE Directors of the Providence Athenæum herewith submit to its shareholders, the Annual Report of its progress and condition.

Of the twenty-seven years which measure the existence of this institution, that just closed has been one of the most extraordinary in the political annals of this country. At the date of the last meeting of the Proprietors, it seemed a reasonable expectation that ere they should again assemble, the frightful and unnatural contest raging in this hitherto favored land would be ended. That this result might be attained was certainly the ardent hope of every loyal and humane citizen, if it should be reached without the sacrifice of just principle, or the disregard of the fair claims of any portion of our vast population. This expectation has not been realized ; this hope has been doomed to disappointment. Armed treason still defiantly arrays its forces within the borders of thirteen States. A gigantic rebellion still aims fearful blows at the life of a government which we had fondly hoped would continue perpetual, winning its brightest victories in the peaceful contests of advancing civilization.

In surveying the history of the past year, from almost any

point of view such thoughts naturally first force themselves on the notice; but, in considering the history of the Athenæum, they have peculiar prominence. It is in the life of such institutions of a popular character that the effects of events powerfully swaying the communities in which they are situated, are soonest apparent. From the statistics of the Athenæum, properly prepared for the last quarter of a century, a close observer might, with considerable accuracy, indicate the marked years in the history of this city for the corresponding time; for probably no great wave of excitement, whether political, religious, financial, or of what character soever, has swept over us without leaving its impress, in some form, within these quiet alcoves. It will not be uninteresting to notice some of the points in which the stirring events of the day have affected this institution.

In the aggregate of additions to the Library, we notice a marked decline. The whole number of volumes added during the year is but five hundred and twenty-four, against an average for the five years preceding the war, of eleven hundred and nine. This is attributable directly to the state of the nation. Since the breaking out of the rebellion, a continued depression has pervaded the book trade, limiting new publications chiefly to such works as are consonant with the spirit of the hour, while the high rate of exchange, consequent upon our financial disturbances, has prevented the usual importations, either by our booksellers or for the account of the Athenæum directly. The weekly offerings on the table of the Library Committee have therefore been quite limited. Works on the various branches of military science, and such as have been prompted by, or are akin to the ruling thoughts of the day, have been sufficiently numerous. The current newspapers, periodicals and publications are inevitably the faithful reflex of our life and thought at any given time, and are the most exact measure of the degree

of interest taken in any given question. During such a period of excitement as the present, the press teems with productions calculated to meet the popular demand. To select, from this literature of the war, such portions as seemed worthy of attention, or best calculated to illustrate the spirit of this historic age, has been the aim of your Board. How it has succeeded in this endeavor will appear in the list of additions appended to this Report.

The whole number of volumes added is, as has been stated, five hundred and twenty-four. Of these there were obtained

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	346
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
By binding periodicals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
								— 524

Of pamphlets there have been added one hundred—

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
								— 100

The additions class as follows :—

Folios,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
Quartos,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249
Duodecimos and under,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165
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The whole number of volumes in the Library at the date

of the last report, was	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,749
Since added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	524

Giving a total at the present time, of - - - 26,273

The Directors have to acknowledge the receipt of valuable Congressional Documents from the Hon. H. B. Anthony, our Senator, and from the Hon. W. P. Sheffield, our Representative,

in Congress. Donations have also been received from the following individuals and societies, to whom the thanks of the institution are hereby tendered.

Samuel Ames,
A. D. Bache, of the U. S. Coast Survey,
Henry Barnard,
John R. Bartlett,
William Binney,
Samuel W. Brown,
Thomas M. Clark,
George L. Collins,
Thomas A. Doyle,
Thomas L. Dunnell,
Valentine Mott Francis, of N. York.
Charles L. Flint, Sec'y Mass. Bd. of Agriculture,
A. Friend, in Boston,
R. A. Guild,
J. D. Hedge,
Richard M. Hodges, Boston,
Milo P. Jewett, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,
A. P. Morrill, M. C. of Vermont,
Usher Parsons,
Isaac Ray,
Alphonse Renaud,
George M. Richmond,
Christopher Robinson,
Charles H. Russell, New York,
Edwin M. Snow,
Edwin M. Stone,
James Y. Smith,
William G. Williams,
Augustus Woodbury,
American Antiquarian Society,
American Institute of New York,

American Missionary Association,
American Peace Society,
Chicago Historical Society,
City of Providence,
Detroit Young Men's Society,
Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum,
Directors of the City Library, Lowell, Mass.,
Library Company of Philadelphia,
Mercantile Library Association, of Brooklyn,
Mercantile Library Association of N. York,
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia,
Peabody Institute, of South Danvers,
Regents of the University of the State of New York,
Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry,
Rhode Island Medical Society,
Smithsonian Institute,
State Library of Ohio,
State of Rhode Island,
Trustees of the Public Library of Boston,
Washington Insurance Company, of Providence,
Wilmington Institute,
Young Men's Association, of Buffalo,
Young Men's Association, of Hartford.

The Directors have also the peculiar pleasure of announcing an addition of five hundred dollars to the permanent funds of the institution. This sum was received by bequest of the late Rev. Allen Brown, through his executor, Dr. Samuel B. Tobey. Thus generously did the Rev. Mr. Brown indicate his confidence in this institution, in which he was not even a shareholder, as an instrument for the public good. Such examples are less common than would be supposed in so wealthy a community

as this, and we trust that the influence of this one will not be entirely lost upon those who chance to see its record.

In the number of volumes delivered during the year we notice a decided decrease, though owing to the absence of the Assistant Librarian during a portion of the year, when no register of the number or character of the books issued was kept, we are without our usual statistics on this point. As nearly as can be judged, there has been a decrease of at least ten per cent. in the number of volumes taken. Had we the usual record of the character of the books called for, it would be interesting to see whether this decrease appears among all classes of readers in like proportion, or how the exciting interests of the day have affected the tastes of our reading public. This diminution in the number of volumes taken is a creditable fact, in that it shows that many of our usual visitants have changed their habits to meet the exigencies of the times. Leisure hours, formerly given to the fascinating pages of our popular authors, are absorbed in preparing articles for the comfort of the soldier in the army of the Union, or for the alleviation of the sufferings of his sick and wounded comrade. Humane and patriotic labors have occupied those moments for which entertainment was formerly sought in these rooms.

In accordance with a vote of the last annual meeting, the main portion of the upper rooms has been re-carpeted with Brussels carpeting of proper style and quality, at a cost of about three hundred dollars. In connection with this much needed improvement, the inconveniently situated table formerly used for the reception of returned books was removed and replaced by one of mahogany, permanently attached to one side of the railing of the stairway leading below, and on the other two sides were placed desks for the accommodation of such as read in the rooms. These changes were effected at a cost of seventy dol-

lars. In making them, regard was paid to the general appearance of the rooms, while the convenience of the Librarian and of our visitors was consulted. In each of these particulars an improvement is claimed.

Early in the year, the attention of the Board was directed to the arrangements for the use and preservation of the many valuable illustrated works belonging to the Institution. These were kept in a case in the rear room of the basement. To this place there were many objections. It was at once unfit, inadequate and inaccessible. Unfit, because, despite all efforts for proper ventilation, the dampness incident to the basement rooms was seriously injuring the books; inadequate, because the shelves were full, while many choice works were kept in other parts of the building, separate from their proper companions; and inaccessible, because in the most remote part of the building, in a room always locked, where, without previous information of the treasures there hidden, no one would suspect their existence. To obviate these difficulties, the Directors caused to be placed in the room used for the meetings of the Board and Committees, a plain and substantial case of black walnut, with glass front, probably of sufficient size to meet our wants for some time, at an expense of one hundred fifty-two $\frac{22}{100}$ dollars. By this means, our illustrated and many other choice works are kept together in perfect preservation in a public place, where they may at any time be inspected, as they only should be, under the supervision of the Librarian, or his assistant, without essential interference with his other duties. A more fitting display is made of those more valuable and beautiful works with which, in former years, the generosity of friends has enriched the Institution. It is hoped that the vacant spaces on the shelves of the new case will be suggestive to such of farther contributions, and will appeal to the sympathies of other liberal patrons, as "aching voids" which

it would be exceedingly becoming in them to fill. To this new feature of our rooms your attention is especially commended, with the confident expectation of your approval. The three largest and most valuable of our illustrated works, Audubon's Birds and Quadrupeds, and "Description de l'Egypte," still remain in the basement, as their size renders it difficult to accommodate them elsewhere, though it is hoped that some means may be found of doing so.

During the year, the Supplementary Catalogue, so long needed, has been printed, bound and issued to such shareholders as have asked for it. This has been accomplished at a cost of about seven hundred dollars. This unusual expense, as well as that attendant on the various internal improvements before noticed, the Treasurer has been able to meet without inconvenience, owing to the comparatively light sum used in adding to our literary stores.

What remains of the history of the year may be briefly told.

In response to the call of the Secretary of War in May last for three months volunteers, the Assistant Librarian, Mr. F. H. Hedge, Jr., promptly subscribed his name to the roll. Leave of absence for the required time was granted him, at the expiration of which, he returned to his former duties.

The Committee appointed to examine the Library, have performed that duty, and report the books generally in good condition, with but *twelve* volumes missing, all of which are of little value and easily replaced.

No new shares have been sold during the year, and the whole number now issued remains as reported in 1860, five hundred and ninety-one.

The permanent investments also remain as then stated, with the addition of five hundred dollars, the legacy of the Rev. Allen Brown, before noticed. This latter sum was invested in United

States securities, of which the par value is five hundred and fifty dollars and the market value considerably more.

From the Treasurer's Report we gather the following items :

The receipts for the year have been—

From the annual tax collected on 559 shares, -	\$2,795 00
From interest on investments, - - - -	729 95
From shares sold for taxes, - - - -	25 00
From fines collected, - - - - -	48 19
Amount on hand at the beginning of the year, -	730 14

Giving a total of - - - - -	\$4,328 28
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The expenditures have been as follows :

For salaries, - - - - -	\$1,520 00
For books and periodicals, - - - -	800 30
For printing, - - - - -	576 39
For binding, - - - - -	347 42
For internal improvements, - - - -	524 34
For miscellaneous, - - - - -	334 95
Balance on hand, - - - - -	224 88

\$4,328 28

The history of the twenty-seventh year in the life of the Providence Athenæum is thus before its shareholders. Altogether the record seems satisfactory, for the resources of the Institution have been but slightly curtailed by the exigencies of the times, and have proved sufficient to admit such purchases for the increase of its Library as the Directors have desired to make, even while incurring an extraordinary outlay of over twelve hundred dollars, in certain unusual directions, which seemed necessary incidents of its progress.

WM. S. PATTEN, *President*.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand September 23d, 1861.....\$730 14

The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

Annual tax collected on 559 shares	\$2,795 00	
Interest on investments.....	729 95	
Shares sold for taxes.....	25 00	
Fines collected.....	48 19	
	3,598 14	
		\$4,328 28

Expenditures for the same period have been as follows:—

For salaries	\$1,520 00
For books and periodicals.....	800 30
For binding.....	347 42
For printing (catalogue, &c.).....	580 56
For fuel.	114 28
For gas.....	38 92
For collecting taxes	58 75
For insurance	64 40
For repairs and furniture	528 63
For sundries	50 14
Amount to new account.....	224 88
	\$4,328 28

(Signed,)

AMASA PAINE, *Treasurer.*

Providence, September 22d, 1862.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 22D, 1862.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold George C.	103
Aborn James A.	162	Arnold Job	570
Aborn John W.*	38	Arnold John N.	223
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold Margaret L.	559
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Richard J.	40
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adler Charles A.	450	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Austin Samuel	2
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Allen Charles B.	50		
Allen Crawford	6	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Philip	9	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Baker George	226
Allen Samuel	449	Balch John R.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch Joseph	205
Ames Samuel	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Ballou F. M.	200
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andrews David A.	470	Barker Frederick A.	520
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barker Joseph A.	252
Angell Daniel	415	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow John	310
Angell Elizabeth* (N. Providence)	584	Bartlett John R.	279
Angell James B.	184	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Angell John W.	287	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Burrington*	359	Beckwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry	44	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Aplin Charles	453	Bennet Preston	578
Armington James H.	331	Binney William	558
Arnold Charles	106	Bishop Nathaniel*	471
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451

* Deceased.

Blake Joseph M.	530	Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423
Blodget Samuel C.	110, 222	Chapin Royal	424
Blodget William P.	387	Chapman Rhodes B.	406
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529
Borden Jefferson (do.)	143	Child Lewis P.	345
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Childs Charles H.	208
Bowen Henry	198	Church Peter	217
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clafin George L.	482
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bradford Joseph	250	Clarke James M.	501
Bradford Mary W.	426	Clarke John H.	313
Bradley Charles S.	303	Cleveland Almira A.	129
Brastow Billings	31	Clifford Marian	47
Brastow Frank	291	Collins George L.	526
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Congdon George W.	257
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Henry T.	510	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Caleb C.	352
Brown John Carter	77	Cook Stephen	433
Brown Joseph R.	480	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Brown Moses*	1	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Nicholas	547	Cornett Henry T.	265
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown Thomas	212	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Brown William	324	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown William Waterman	219	Cranston Henry C.	548
Brown William Whipple	466	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross Frances E.	225
Browne George H.	585	Cross James M.	561
Brownell Charles F.	160	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brownell Sylvester	452		
Bucklin James C.	373	Dana George	396
Buel Simon S.	42	Daniels Dexter	484
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daniels George M.	28
Buffum Benjamin	52	Danielson George W.	152
Bullock Julia	502	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock William P.	144	Dart William H.	128
Burges Walter S.	78	Davis Edward N.	524
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis John W.	461
Burrough Joseph	388	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Martha H.	367	Day Daniel	53
Bush Edwin A.	390	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Patience M.	206	Deearth William G.	117
Bush Richard W.	91	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dexter Samuel	95
Butts Frank	397	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Butts John W. (Cranston)	168	Dike Alvyn V.	137
		Dike Arba B.	483
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dorr Sullivan	380
Calder Albert L.	274	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Caldwell Samuel C.	579	Dorrance Tully	244
Carlile Elizabeth	441	Dorrance William T.	92
Carlton George E.	327	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Carpenter Earl	486	Drown William H.	338
Carpenter Tisdale	239	Duncan Alexander	12
Caswell Alexis	270	Duncan David	261
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chace George I.	224	Dunnell Mary	235
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chace William M.	176	Dunwell James P.	412
Chafee Mary E.	555	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Channing William F.	105	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer Cyrus	302
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer Elisha	159

Dyer John	21	Haines William S.	102
Dyer John F.	259	Hale Isaac	382
		Hall Edward B.	243
		Hall George W.	496
Eames Jane A.	487	Hallet George W.	37
Eames Laura C.	107	Ham Benjamin W.	437
Earle Amey Ann	370	Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477
Earle William	474	Hamlin William E.	178
Ely James W. C.	545	Harkness Albert	357
Everett Amherst	238	Harkness Thomas	32
		Harris Avis L.	457
		Harris George J. (N. Providence)	127
		Harris Stephen*	221
Farnsworth Claudius B.	569	Harris Thomas	353
Farnum Alexander	228	Hart Charles	553
Field Daniel	26	Hartley George S.*	448
Field John A.	209	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Field William	15	Hartshorn Isaac	191
First Baptist Church	405	Hawes Amos B.	207
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hayes Wingate	93
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Heap James	439
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	523
Fisher Cyrus	147	Hedge J. Dunham	309, 479
Fletcher Thomas	300	Helme William H.	550
Fletcher William	368	Hill Hiram	163
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hill Paris	134
Foster Samuel	578	Hill Thomas J.	363
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hilton William D.	114
Francis John N.	590	Hodges Isaac A.	468
French William S.	318	Holden Charles*	29
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hoppin George H.	430
Fuller Frederick	560	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
		Hoppin William W.	283
		Hoskins James B.	294
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gammell William	286	Howard William A.	75
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Howland John A.	192
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hudson Henry E.	241
Gladding Henry G.	280	Humphry Walker	475
Gladding John C.	295	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Gladding Royal P.	469	Hunt George	364
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354	Hutchins Shubael	123
Glezen Eben K.	407	Hutchins Sturns	175
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519		
Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Ives Hope*	404
Goff Amey S.	499	Ives Hope B.	3
Goodwin Daniel	315	Ives Robert H.	4
Gorham Jabez	45		
Gorham John	427		
Greene Albert C. cashier	492	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Albert G.	332	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Richard W.	73	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Rufus	444	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Sarah A.	290	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Scott	166	Johnson William S.	329
Greene Warren A.	535	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jones Edward S.	512
Greene William Albert*	187	Jones John D.	472
Greene William Albert	164	Joslin Susan E.	473
Greene William H.	543		
Grinnell George	229		
Grinnell William T.	86		
Grosvenor William	108	Keith Christopher T.	507

Kelly Ebenezer*	190	Newcomb Rhoda	362
Kelly Wilber*	125	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Kendall Henry L.	88	Nichols J. Bassett	311
Kendall Oliver	505	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Kimball Jerome B.	149	Nightingale George C.	113
King William J.	571	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Kingsbury John	244	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Knight Abby W. M.	418	Nye Oliver C.	581
Knight Henry P.*	233		
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89		
Knight Robert S.	80	Okie A. Howard	586
Knowles Edward P.	488	Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292
Knowles John P.	71	Olney Stephen T.	186
Knowles Joseph	268	Ormsbee John S.	347
		Osborn William	340
		Owen Ezekiel	54
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Owen George	401
Larchar John	39	Owen Smith	389
Larned Samuel*	306		
Leach Daniel	515	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lincoln John L.	119	Pabodie G. A.	262
Lippitt Albert D.	567	Padelford Seth	111
Lippitt Christopher	150	Paine Amasa	115
Lippitt Henry	68	Paine Daniel	328
Llewin James M.	157	Palmer John B.	500
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Palmer Richard	575
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Parkhurst Charles H.	374
Lyman Henry B.	67	Parkhurst William H.	155
Lyman John W.	126	Parsons Charles W.	35
Lyon Mary W.	549	Parsons Usher	375
		Patten William S.	237
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Payne Abraham	497
Manton Amasa	21	Payton Eliza J.	264
Manton Robert	409	Pearce Edward	185
Manton Walter	410	Pearce Edward D.	321
Martin Joseph	456	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mason Charles F.	266	Pearson Luther	23
Mason Earl P.	258	Peck Allen O.	211
Mason George	81	Peck George B.	376
Mason Henry W.	285	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mason Owen	216	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mauran Abby	62	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Perry Amos	458
Mauran Joseph	243	Phillips Harley F.	582
Mauran Suchet	132	Phillips Thomas	378
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Pierce Asa	218
Mead Marshall B.	508	Pierce Henrietta K.	167
Merrill William S.	314	Pierce William G.	422
Merriman Charles H.	537	Pike Jonathan	447
Metcalf Edwin	254	Pitman John	63
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pitman Joseph S.	197
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Potter Alfred	120
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Potter Charles*	55
Miller Charles T.	443	Potter James W.	556
Miller Frederick	518	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Miller Lewis L.	146	Potter Roger Williams	109
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Potter William H.	139
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Power St. Meth. Episcopal Church	361
Mowry Martha H.	104	Pratt Peter*	17
Mowry William G. R.	10	Pratt William H.	495
		Prescott Henry A.*	442

Randolph John R.	521	Sumner Increase	413
Rathbone George S.	210	Sutton Edward	335
Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Rathbone William P.	118	Sweet Joseph	276
Rawson Henry M.	344		
Ray Isaac	435		
Read Francis	434	Taft Cyrus	161
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Reynolds James	333	Taft Orray	59
Reynolds John*	320	Taft Royal C.	465
Reynolds Mary E.	403	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Tallman William	372
Rhodes James T.	232	Taylor Daniel A.	511, 534
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Taylor John H.	87
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Temple William	436
Richardson Henry	231	Thayer Euclid C.	386
Richmond George M.	46	Thompson John C. Jr.	385
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thurber Edmund	509
Richmond St. Congregational Society	494	Thurber Isaac	281
Richard Roswell R.	43	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Rivers Mary	531	Tibbitts William W.*	562
Robinson Charles P.	459	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Robinson William A.	489	Tillinghast Charles F.	74
Rodman William M.	198	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tingley Albert H.	177
Rogers Horatio	400	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Henry	297
Rounds John M.	83	Tobey John F.	462
		Tobey Samuel B.	68
Sabin Charles	201	Tompkins John A.	454
Sacket Adnah*	317	Torrey Moses E.	381
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Salisbury Samuel S.	425	Tourtellot John E.	145
Sanford William	281	Townsend William C.	122
Sayles Welcome B.	172	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shaw Allen	251	Truman Nathan	248
Shaw Emma Graves	377	Tyler Solomon	64
Shaw John M.	154		
Shaw Mary A.	587	Urdike Walter W.*	478
Shearman Sylvester G.	308	Uley Leander*	242
Sheldon Francis J.	158		
Sheldon Nicholas	188		
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13	Viall William	541
Simons Aaron	325	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Slater John 2d*	11		
Slocum Jonathan L.	463		
Smith Amos D.	101	Walcott Edward	48
Smith Francis	65	Wales Henry A.	417
Smith James Y.	504	Walling Henry F. (New York)	563
Smith John W.	215	Wardwell Stephen P.	598
Smith Nathaniel	112	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Smith S. Sterry	90	Warner James M.*	138
Snow Amos W.	151	Waterman Emily	180
Snow Walter B.	467	Waterman Henry	278
Snow William C.	275	Waterman Nancy	289
Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498	Waterman Resolved	41
Sprague Amasa*	293	Waterman Rufus	277
Stafford Robert R.	100	Waterman William H.	240
Staples William R.	181	Watson Matthew*	27
Stayner Sarah Hood	589	Wayland Francis	236
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REPORT.

In pursuance of a constitutional requirement, the Directors of the Providence Athenæum beg leave to present the customary Annual Report of "the state of the Library, and of the general concerns of the Institution."

And in so doing, the Board would advert, first of all, to the fact that, since our last Anniversary, they have been called to mourn the removal of one of their associates, by death. On the 26th of July last, the Treasurer of this Institution, Capt. Amasa Paine, U. S. N., was gathered to his fathers, in the ripeness of his years and strength, and "in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope." At the August meeting of the Board, appropriate testimonials of their respect for the memory of the dead, and of their sympathy with the sorrows of the living, were unanimously adopted. A copy of them will be found in the Appendix to this Report.

Capt. Paine deserves an honorable mention in this connection, as having been one of those members of the Board, whose place at our council-table was seldom,—almost never, vacant. He was diligent and punctual in his duties as Director of this Institution. This fact may not carry with it any unusual significance to his constituents ; but when it is remembered that,

during the last twelve months, some members of the Board have not been present at one of its meetings, and some others only once, while Capt. Paine was absent *but* once, up to the date of his death, the example of our deceased associate will not fail to commend itself to our grateful recollections. The vacancy in the Treasurership was filled by the appointment of Henry T. Cornett, Esq.

With regard to the Library, the Board regret that they cannot present a more gratifying statement of its growth and condition. Indeed, the word *growth* is scarcely applicable in the records of the past year, except in a qualified sense. There have been added, since the last report,

431	volumes	by purchase,	
81	"	" donation,	-
111	"	" the binding of periodicals, &c.	

making a total of 537

Of these volumes, 13 were folios, 32 quartos, 239 octavos, and 289 duodecimos and under. The whole number of volumes now in the Library, is 26,846. Seventeen volumes were found missing at the recent examination of the Library. A list of the additions, (with the exception of periodicals, which are but the continuations of entries in former catalogues,) will be found appended to this report. It will be seen that more than one third of them are works of fiction. Nearly one eighth owe their origin to the war. Works of Religion, Belles-lettres, History, Biography, Science, Travel, rank in number, in the order in which we have now named them. To our stock of pamphlets, ninety-four have been added, twenty-five by purchase, and sixty-nine by donation.

But while the foregoing statistics indicate a slight numerical increase in our Library, it may be fairly questioned whether the

real, insurable value thereof is not less than it was two years ago. The depreciation arising from the ordinary wear and tear of a library, including losses, &c., is commonly estimated, we believe, at from 8 to 10 per cent. per annum. But if we should reduce that estimate as low as 6 per cent., we fear that the additions of the last two years have not been an equivalent for the waste occasioned in the same period, by the constant, and not always careful handling, to which the library is subjected. This is a painful suggestion to be heard in connection with an institution like this, which may be regarded as being, to some extent, a representative of the taste, and culture, and liberality of our city. But if the suggestion shall appear to be but too well justified by the facts in the case, it should stimulate the thoughtfulness and public spirit, not only of the Directors, but of all the corporators and friends of the Athenæum. The explanation given in our last Annual Report, of the meagre accessions to the Library for the year then closed, will hardly be deemed satisfactory now. The nation, viewed as "a colossal man," is, indeed, struggling through a tremendous crisis,—is staggering beneath fearful burdens; and the pressure of those burdens is felt, more or less, by individual members of the body politic. And yet we utter no mere speculative opinion, but one of the most visible and patent of facts, when we add, that there has seldom been a time, when a greater activity prevailed among all departments of industry, than at this present moment,—when the enterprise of the capitalist was rewarded by such abundant, and occasionally almost fabulous returns,—when the toils of the laborer were more amply remunerated,—when the coffers of the bank and of the exchange were so overflowing with that which is the "sinews of war," and of Athenæums too,—in short, when a more wakeful energy was displayed all over this section of the Republic, at least, in organizing the victories of peace. Surely,

all this activity and zeal in our commercial, industrial and patriotic labors, cannot be long in operation without communicating themselves to all benevolent and literary institutions that may approve themselves worthy of assistance, without lending a new impulse to the social, religious and intellectual improvements of the nation. We see an illustration of this in the well authenticated fact, that more *church* debts have been either extinguished or reduced within the last two years, than in any other two years for a long period. We humbly submit, therefore, that this is not an inauspicious time, in a pecuniary point of view, for inaugurating a more progressive and aggressive policy in the affairs of this institution.

The hindrance to the purchase and importation of foreign books, growing out of the high rates of exchange, was alluded to last year, and it still exists, though in a mitigated form. We observe, however, in looking over the last Report of the Hartford Young Men's Institute, that an arrangement was effected by them, under which they have purchased books abroad, to be paid for whenever foreign exchange can be procured at reasonable rates,—interest being charged, meanwhile, at 4 per cent. per annum; and a sum equal to the supposed liability for such purchases being deposited at interest in a Savings Bank. Our Hartford brethren may have been favored with some facilities of a private character, not available elsewhere. But it will be worth an inquiry on the part of our successors in the Directory of this body, whether some similar arrangement cannot be brought about for the benefit of our own Library. At all events, it becomes us well to remember, that if we would have this institution a *live* thing,—a vital power in this community, attracting to itself increasing numbers of every age and profession and class;—if we would keep it in sympathy with the rising, widening intelligence of our own day and generation, and se-

cure for it a prosperous, vigorous future, we must be at some pains, if need be, in seeking a constant renewal of its life and its influence. We should be ambitious of gathering to these shelves a much larger proportion than heretofore, of those treasures which the best hearts and the finest intellects on both sides of the Atlantic, are embodying, each year, in the English tongue. *An ever fresh supply of reading matter* is the indispensable condition of a solid and growing public interest. The experience of other kindred institutions, is one of the best vouchers we can have for the truth of this remark. We find in the report of one of them [Mer. Lib. Assoc., N. Y.,] a sentence like this. "Could we have expended more money for books, there is no doubt, with the favorable impression we were making on the public mind, that our increase of membership would have been much greater." The Report of the "Institute" at Hartford, for the present year, after mentioning the accession of more than one hundred and fifty new members, observes that the "encouraging result is, doubtless, chiefly to be attributed to the large number of new and valuable books added to the library during the year." And in a similar strain, the Report of the Mer. Lib. Assoc. of Cincinnati, expresses the conviction, that their best hope of an enlarged membership lay in "a healthier growth of the Library." But we may not pursue this topic further. We could wish that the shareholders here present might deem it worthy of some consideration and discussion, before they separate to-night.

We have already stated, that, of the volumes added to the Library during the past year, more than one third consisted of works of fiction. If there shall be any surprise over this preponderance of light literature, in the purchases of the board, the Librarian has furnished some statistics as to the absorbing demand for that kind of literature, that must awaken regret, as

well as surprise. From memoranda made by him, we learn that the total number of volumes given out during the year, is 18,852, viz :

Of works of Fiction, 10,863 ; Biography and History, 2,454 ; Poetry and Belles-lettres, 1,392 ; Miscellaneous, 950 ; Voyages and Travels, 725 ; Religion and Philosophy, 717 ; Periodical Literature, 664 ; Science and Art, 587. Of the 594 shares now on record, as belonging to different individuals or societies, 548 have been used during the past year. The greatest number of volumes given out on any one share, is 188. The greatest number issued in any one month, is 1793, in January. The least number issued in any one month, is 1,361, in July.

It will be noticed that nearly sixty per cent., or considerably more than one half of all the reading issued by the Athenæum during the year, consisted of works of Fiction, which number 10,863, while on all other subjects put together, only 7,489 volumes were taken out.

It is doubtless true, that some of our shareholders do not, for obvious reasons, supply the household library with the productions of the Novelist, as freely as with those of the Traveller or the Biographer,—of the Divine, the Historian, or the Poet. For the fugitive and less valuable literature of the day, they prefer to depend on these alcoves, and to confine their purchases to works of a more intrinsic and lasting value. This circumstance may account in part,—though in part only,—for the disproportion between the demand for books of a substantial character, and that, now referred to, for the pages of romance. Nor does that disproportion seem to be changing for the better. In the year ending September, 1859, the whole number of volumes given out, was 20,353, of which 9,864 were works of Fiction, while the volumes on all other subjects amounted to 10,489. This year the figures are worse than reversed. We believe

there has never been a year in our history, that indicated such a waning interest in the more useful and substantial departments of literature. Perhaps the Librarian is correct in saying, that "the feverish excitement which exists in the minds of all is not favorable to intellectual exertion, and books are resorted to as a relief from anxiety, and to beguile a weary hour, rather than for purposes of improvement." But it is to be lamented that such a *very* large proportion of the reading sought from these shelves should be of a kind that ministers so feebly to the deepest and most serious needs of a human soul,—that seldom or never serves to arouse, and guide, and strengthen our better nature. A passion for that kind of reading which requires no thought, and awakens no thought, must prove both mentally and morally injurious. Procuring its bread in the sweat of the brow, is a merciful law for the mind as well as body. And "the habit of receiving pleasure without any exercise of thought, by the mere excitement of curiosity or sensibility," should be dreaded by the youthful visitors of this institution, as one of the heaviest of misfortunes. The remedial influences that may abate this morbid appetite for the pages of the Novelist, and gradually induce a healthier, must be sought mainly outside of these walls. If any correctives are practicable, they will be found originally and chiefly in parental wisdom and tact, and in a better supply of innocent pleasures and occupations at home. But it seems to us that the Athenæum may lend a co-operating hand by replenishing these shelves with continuous supplies of fresh reading matter, whose variety and interest, and sterling excellence, shall tend to elevate and improve the popular taste, and supplant an undue craving for poorer food, by providing a richer and more attractive supply of that which is better.

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City of Providence,	Young Men's Association of Buffalo.
Detroit Young Men's Society,	

To its limited supply of Paintings, Statuary, and other works of Art, the Athenæum has received, during the past year, rare and valuable additions, for which it is greatly indebted to Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., of this city. They were selected by him from a choice and celebrated collection of two wealthy gentlemen of London, now deceased,—one of them his brother, the late Alpheus Billings, Esq., formerly of this city; and the other, Mr. Cadman. These two gentlemen were partners, not only in business, but in *Æsthetics*; and so the home of those bachelor friends, jointly occupied by them for more than twenty years, became a sort of temple, wherein were gathered costly and exquisite productions of genius and skill. Through the liberality of E. R. Billings, Esq., five of those treasures are now the property of the Athenæum.

They were received in May last, and acknowledged by the

Board of Directors, as follows: "The Directors of the Athenæum, in behalf of the Institution, hereby acknowledge the reception of three original paintings, "A Cavalier of the time of Charles I," by Van Dyke,—“A portrait of John Hampden,” by Gandy,—and "A girl reading," by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Also, a large and exquisitely beautiful Malachite circular Table, formerly owned by Prince Demidoff, of Russia; and an admirably wrought marble bust of Shakespeare,—all of which are selections from the collection of Art Treasures of the late Alpheus Billings, Esq., of London, formerly of Providence, and which are now highly prized additions to the choicest ornaments of the Athenæum through the munificence of his brother, Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., of Providence.

Voted, That the Board accept with pleasure and gratitude this noble and costly present, and hereby thank him for adding so richly to the attractions and usefulness of the Athenæum, and furnishing such models of beauty, of elegance, and of excellence in Art, gratifying to the refined taste, and cultivating it in the community of which he is a citizen.

The bust of Shakespeare was modeled after the Chandos portrait, presented to the National Gallery, London, by the Earl of Ellesmere, and said to be the earliest extant.

The picture by Sir Joshua Reynolds is a portrait of his favorite niece, Theophila Palmer, when about sixteen years of age. It was among the pictures sent by him to the exhibition of the Royal Academy in 1771, and entered in the catalogue, as "a Girl reading," and on Horace Walpole's copy of the Catalogue was designated as "charming."

The Malachite Table is very costly and remarkable. Its circular top, on a carved and gilded column, is 58 inches in diameter, which, with its edge, is covered with Malachite, a mineral so choice and beautiful as to be used for expensive jewelry. It was in the Paris exhibition of 1859.

Mr. Billings has recently given another instance of his liberality, and concern for the institutions of his native city, by procuring in England, and presenting to Brown University, two original portraits—one of Charles II, from whom this State received its charter ; and the other, Catharine of Braganza, wife of Charles,—both by Gaspar.

For a detailed statement of our finances, we must refer to the report of the Treasurer. The ordinary receipts, including last year's balance, have been Thirty-seven hundred eighty $\frac{42}{100}$ dollars, and the ordinary expenditures, including premium on a re-investment, Thirty-two hundred fifty-one $\frac{8}{100}$ dollars, leaving a present balance in the Treasury of Five hundred twenty-nine $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars. Of the amount paid out, Nine hundred twenty-two $\frac{12}{100}$ only have been expended for the purchase or the binding of books. The invested funds of the Athenæum remain as reported last year, viz: \$11,550. The taxes on 33 shares remain unpaid for the past year. .

Such, in brief, are the annals of another year in the life of the Athenæum. Let us not close our proceedings to-night, until we have made the present condition and wants of the institution the subject of our deliberations. The comparatively small number of volumes added to the Library, and the small number of shares sold, for the two years just expired ; and also the meagre attendance of Directors at the Board,—the average number present, during the year, having been smaller than for several years past,—are matters worthy of deliberation. A number of years has now elapsed since any systematic effort was made to bring before the men and women of our city, the character and claims of the Athenæum. Meanwhile, the natural growth and the ordinary fluctuations of our population, have introduced many new families and individuals all around us ; and we persuade ourselves that if a judicious appeal could find its way to all such,

it would meet with a handsome and cheerful response on the part of not a few among them. Is it not an appropriate time for initiating some measures calculated to bring this institution into better communication with the fifty thousand souls in its neighborhood? It is only in very rare cases that a good cause will find its strength in sitting still. It will achieve a full success, only as it shows itself inventive, pains-taking and unwearyed in its course. And this institution must earn the prosperity which it is destined, we hope, to attain. It now possesses a Library whose treasures should be better known and used. Let the fact of such treasures be more widely circulated, and more earnestly commended to the attention of the families, and especially the *younger* families of our goodly city. If they have been a blessing and an honor in days gone by, let the blessing spread in days that are coming; and as for the honor, it will then take care of itself; but it is a very safe expression, that it may be made a great blessing, and an increasing one, to ourselves and those who shall come after us. Over the entrance to the oldest of Egyptian libraries were inscribed the words, "The healing of the soul." In our day we should hardly select such a sentence for such a purpose, for we know but too well, that

"The tree of Knowledge is not that of Life."

But while the former may never be made a substitute for the latter, it may yet contribute many beneficent influences from age to age, and therefore deserves the interest and care even of those whose deepest reverence and affections are given, and rightly given, to the "Tree of Life." And herein we are reminded of the language of one who was the first Vice-President of this institution, and who once adorned the Chair of Belles-Lettres in our University. In his Phi Beta Kappa Discourse of 1836, on the importance of liberal studies, the late Prof. Goddard closed with this paragraph: "I ascribe to them no power

to teach rooted sorrow the lesson of submission,—to succor virtue amid mighty temptations,—to dispel the awful sadness of the inevitable hour. These are the victories of Christian Faith,—the grand, peculiar and imperishable evidences of its power. But I challenge for Science and for Letters, the noble praise of reclaiming us from the dominion of the senses,—of lightening the burden of care,—of stimulating within us the undying principles of the Moral Life.”

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The financial operations for the entire year, (from September 22d, 1862, to date,) have been as follows, viz :

Amount in the Treasury September 22d, 1862.....\$224 88

RECEIPTS.

For Shares sold, 3, at \$15.....	\$45 00	
For tax assessed Sept. 22d, 1862, collected on 556 shares.....	2,790 00	
For tax assessed September, 1861, collected on 2 shares.....	10 00	
For dividends and interest on invested funds.....	651 58	
For fines collected.....	36 65	
For books sold.....	5 14	
For old carpet and clock sold.....	17 17	
For Worcester Railroad bonds paid, and interest.....	6,109 62	
		9,665 16
		<u>\$9,890 04</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$480 84	
For periodicals.....	339 99	
For binding books, &c.....	101 30	
For salaries.....	1,620 00	
For fuel.....	112 20	
For gas.....	47 77	
For insurance.....	57 00	
For collecting assessments.....	60 37	
For blank books, forms and stationary.....	17 62	
For express, postage and stamps.....	21 35	
For advertising and printing.....	61 34	
For furniture.....	148 45	
For repairs.....	113 95	
For sundries.....	12 81	
For United States bonds and note bought, and interest.....	6,265 72	
		9,360 71
Balance on hand this day, deposited in the Manufacturer's Bank.....	529 33	
		<u>\$9,890 04</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation, consist of	
74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal Bank, par value.....	\$1,850 00
63 shares stock in the American Bank, par value.....	3,150 00
3 United States bonds, par value.....	6,500 00
1 United States 7 3-10 per cent. note for.....	50 00
	<u>\$11,550 00</u>

The number of shares issued September 22d, 1862, was....591

The number issued the past year is..... 3

Making a total of.....594

Shares on which the tax assessed Sept. 22d, 1862

has not been collected.....33

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. CORNETT, Treasurer.

Providence, September 28th, 1863.

RESOLUTIONS UPON THE DEATH OF
AMASA PAINE, TREASURER.

Resolved, By the Board of Directors, That the death of AMASA PAINE, the Treasurer of this Institution, is a loss to this Institution of a faithful officer; to this Board, of an attentive Director, an amiable, courteous, and esteemed associate; to the community in which he lived, of a man respected for his integrity, for the Christian principle which governed all his opinions and conduct, and for his willing and persevering services in the religious society and other social associations of which he was a useful member and valued coadjutor; to the Navy of the United States, in which he was a Captain, and to his country, of an experienced officer and thorough patriot.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect for the memory of Capt. PAINE, these resolutions be recorded, and that a copy of them signed by the President and Secretary, be communicated to his family as a testimony of the sympathy of this Board for a bereavement which has severed their connection in life from a husband, a parent, and relative, who was endeared to them by every domestic virtue.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 28, 1863.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adams Benjamin B.	355	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Welcome	142
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Ackerman Charles	350	Austin Samuel	2
Albro Benjamin T.	464		
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Allen Charles B.	50	Bailey Benjamin D.	493
Allen Crawford	6	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Philip	9	Baker George	226
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Balch John R.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch Joseph	205
Ames Samuel	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Ballou Sarah V.	109
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Barker Frederic A.	520
Andrews David A.	470	Barker Joseph A.	252
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares	97, 369
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow John	310
Angell Elizabeth* (N. Providence)	581	Bartlett John R.	279
Angell James B.	181	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Angell John W.	287	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Anthony Henry	44	Beckwith Truman	19
Anthony Henry B.	414	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Aplin Charles	453	Benefit St. Free Chapel	491
Armington Asa W.	289	Bennett Preston	578
Armington James H.	331	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Charles	106	Binney William	558
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bishop Nathaniel*	471
Arnold George C.	103	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Arnold Job	570	Blake Joseph M.	530
Arnold John N.	223	Blodgett Samuel C.	110, 222
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Blodgett William P.	387
Arnold Richard J.	40	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	268

* Deceased.

Borden Jefferson, (Fall River)	143	Childs Charles H.	208
Bourn William B. (San Francisco)	267	Church Peter	217
Bowen Henry	198	Clafin George L.	489
Bowen Henry L.	312	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bowen Tully D.	130	Clarke James M.	501
Bradford Joseph	250	Clarke John H.	313
Bradford Mary W.	426	Cleveland Almira A.	129
Bradford S. S.	65	Clifford Marian	47
Bradley Charles S.	303	Coggeshall James H.	450
Brastow Billings	31	Collins George L.	526
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Congdon George W.	257
Brown Edward W.	532	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Henry T.	510	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Isaac	245	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Brown John Carter	77	Cooke Joseph J.	565
Brown Joseph E.	480	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Moses*	1	Cornett Henry T.	265
Brown Nicholas	547	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Cowell Benjamin*	226
Brown Thomas	212	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown William	324	Cranston Henry C.	548
Brown William Waterman	219	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brown William Whipple	466	Cross Frances E.	225
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cross James M.	561
Browne George H.	585	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Brownell Francis S.	160		
Brownell Sylvester*	452	Daggett John	455
Bucklin James C.	373	Dana George	395
Bucklin Simon S	168	Daniels Dexter	484
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daniels George M.	28
Buffum Benjamin	52	Danielson George W.	162
Bullock Julia	502	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock William P.*	144	Dart William H.*	128
Burgess Walter S.	78	Davis Edwin N.	524
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Joseph	388	Day Daniel	53
Burrough Martha H.	367	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Patience M.	206	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Bush Richard W.	91	Dewitt Henry A.	469
Butler Cyrus*	7	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dexter Samuel	95
Butts Frank	397	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
		Dike Arba B.	483
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dorr Sullivan	380
Calder Albert L.	274	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Caldwell Samuel C.	579	Dorrance Tully	244
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Dorrance William T.	92
Carpenter Earl	486	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Carpenter Thomas	592	Drown William H.	338
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Duncan Alexander	12
Carpenter Tisdale	239	Duncan David	261
Caswell Alexis	270	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunnell Mary	235
Chace Alexander B.	42	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chace George I.	224	Dunwell James P.	412
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chace William M.*	176	Dyer Benjamin	131
Chace Mary E.	555	Dyer Cyrus	302
Channing William F.	105	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapin Amory*	94	Dyer John	21
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer John F.	259
Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423		
Chapman Rhodes B.	468	Eames Jane A.	487
Cheever Benjamin H. (Barrington)	529	Eames Laura C.	107
Child Lewis P.	345		

Earle Amey Ann	370	Harkness Albert	357
Earle William	474	Harkness Thomas	33
Ely James W. C.	545	Harris Avis L.	457
Everett Amherst	238	Harris George J. (N. Providence)	127
		Harris Stephen*	221
		Harris Thomas	353
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Hart Charles	553
Farnum Alexander	228	Hartley George S.*	448
Field Daniel	26	Hartshorn Charles P.	38
Field John A.	209	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Field William	15	Hartshorn Isaac	191
First Baptist Church	405	Hawes Amos B.	207
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hayes Wingate	93
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hazard Edward H.	583
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Heap James	439
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hedge Frederic H. Jr.	523
Fisher Cyrus*	147	Helme William H.	550
Fletcher Thomas	300	Hidden Henry A.	137
Fletcher William	368	Hill Hiram	163
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hill Paris	134
Foster Samuel	576	Hill Thomas J.	363
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hilton William D.	114
Francis John N.	590	Hodges Isaac A.	468
French William S.	318	Holden Charles*	29
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hoppin George H.	430
Fuller Frederick	560	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
		Hoppin William W.	283
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hoskins James B.	294
Gammell William	286	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Howard William A.	75
Girardini Maria L.	431	Howland John A.	192
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hudson Henry E.	241
Gladding John C.	295	Humphry Walker	475
Gladding Samuel (Plainfield)	354	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Glezen Eben K.	407	Hunt George	364
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Hutchins Shubael	123
Goddard William G* 2 shares	234, 406	Hutchins Sterns	175
Goff Amey S.	499		
Goodwin Daniel	315	Ives Hope*	404
Gorham Jabez	45	Ives Hope B.	3
Gorham John	427	Ives Robert H.	4
Greene Albert C. cashier	492		
Greene Albert G.	332	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Jackson Ephraim S.	348
Greene Cornelia E.	429	Jastram George B.	381
Greene Richard W.	73	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene Rufus	444	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Greene Sarah A.	290	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Greene Scott	180	Jenkins William*	5
Greene Warren A.	535	Jillson Charles D.	461
Greene Welcome A.	358	Johnson William S.	329
Greene William Albert*	187	Jones Albert J.	82
Greene William Albert	164	Jones Edward S.	512
Greene William H.	543	Jones John D.	472
Grinnell George	229	Joslin Susan R.	473
Grinnell William T.	86		
Grosvenor William	108	Keith Christopher T.	507
		Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Haines William S.	102	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hale Isaac	382	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hall Edward B.	203	Kendall Oliver	505
Hall George W.	496	Kimball Jerome B.	149
Hallet George W.	37	King George M. P.	503
Ham Benjamin W.	437	King William J.	571
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Kingsbury John	214
Hamlin William E.	178		

Knight Abby W. M.	418	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Knight Henry P.*	233	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Nye Oliver C.	581
Knight Robert S.	80		
Knowles Edward P.	488		
Knowles John P.	71	Okie A. Howard	586
Knowles Joseph	268	Oldfield John 2 shares	174, 292
		Olney Stephen T.	186
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Larchar John*	39	Ormsbee John S.	347
Larned Samuel*	306	Osborn William	340
Leach Daniel	515	Owen Ezekiel	54
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Owen George	401
Lincoln John L.	119	Owen Smith	389
Lippitt Albert D.	597		
Lippitt Christopher	150	Pabodie Benjamin F.	263
Lippitt Henry	68	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Llewin James M.	157	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Padelford Seth	111
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Paine Amasa*	115
Lyman Henry B.	67	Paine Daniel	328
Lyman John W.	128	Palmer John B.	500
Lyon Mary W.	549	Parkhurst Charles H.	374
		Parkhurst William H.	155
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Parsons Charles W.	35
Manton Amasa	24	Parsons Usher	375
Manton Robert	409	Patten William S.	237
Manton Walter	410	Payne Abraham	497
Martin Joseph	456	Payton Eliza J.	264
Mason Charles F.	266	Pearce Edward	185
Mason Earl P.	258	Pearce Edward D.	321
Mason George	81	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mason Henry W.	285	Pearson Luther	23
Mason Israel B.	200	Peck Allen O.	211
Mason Owen	216	Peck George B.	376
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mauran Abby	62	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mauran Joseph	243	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mauran Suchet	132	Peirce Christopher B.	204
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Perry Amos	458
Mead Marshall B.	508	Phillips Harley F.	562
Merrill William S.	314	Phillips Thomas	378
Merriman Charles H.	537	Pierce Asa	218
Metcalf Edwin	254	Pierce Henrietta K.	167
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pierce William G.	422
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Piko Jonathan	447
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Pitman Henry C.	197
Miles Amanda	118	Pitman John	63
Miller Charles T.	443	Pitman Joseph S.	424
Miller Frederick	518	Potter Alfred	120
Miller Lewis L.	146	Potter Charles*	55
Morse Alpheus C.	588	Potter James W.	556
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Mowry Martha H.	104	Potter Roger Williams	109
Mowry William G. R.	10	Potter William H.	139
		Power St. Meth. Episcopal Church	361
Newcomb Rhoda	362	Pratt Peter*	17
Nichols Emeline B.	577	Pratt William H.	495
Nichols J. Bassett	311	Prescott Henry A.*	442
Nightingale Edwin J.	289		
Nightingale George C.	113	Randolph John R.	521
		Bathbone George S.	210

Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Sumner Increase	413
Rawson Henry M.	344	Sutton Edward	335
Ray Isaac	435	Swan Jarvis B.	255
Read Francis	434	Sweet Joseph	276
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432		
Reynolds James	333	Taft Cyrus	161
Reynolds John*	320	Taft George (Pawtucket)	476
Reynolds Mary E.	403	Taft Orray	59
Reynolds William H.	415	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes James T.	232	Tallman William*	372
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Taylor Daniel A.	511, 534
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Taylor John H.	87
Rice Howard M.	479	Temple William	436
Richardson Henry,	231	Thayer Euclid C.	386
Richmond George M.	46	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thurber Edmund	509
Richmond St. Congregational Society	494	Thurber Isaac	281
Rickard Roswell R.	43	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Rivers Mary	531	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Robinson Charles P.	459	Tillinghast Charles E.	516
Robinson William A.	489	Tillinghast Charles F.	74
Rodman William M.	196	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tingley Albert H.	177
Rogers Horatio	400	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Rogers Joseph	301	Tingley Henry	297
Rounds John M.	83	Tobey John F.	462
		Tobey Samuel B.	63
Sabin Charles	201	Tompkins John A.	454
Sacket Adnah*	317	Torrey Moses E.	384
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Salisbury Levi	575	Townsend William C.	122
Salisbury Samuel S.	425	Tripp Benjamin	61
Sanford William	284	Truman Nathan	248
Sayles Welcome B.	172	Tyler Solomon	64
Shaw Allen	251		
Shaw Emma Graves	377	Updike Walter W.*	478
Shaw John M.	154	Utey Leander*	242
Shaw Mary A.	587		
Shearman Sylvester G.	308	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Viall William	542
Sheldon Nicholas	189	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
Shepard Thomas P.	385		
Simmons James F. (Johnston)	13		
Simons Aaron	325	Walcott Edward	48
Slater John 2d*	11	Wales Henry A.	417
Slocum Jonathan L.	463	Walling Henry F. (New York)	563
Smith Amos D.	101	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Smith Charles M.	449	Wardwell Thomas J.	213
Smith James Y.	504	Warner James M.*	138
Smith John W.	215	Waterman Emily	180
Smith Nathaniel*	112	Waterman Henry	278
Smith S. Sterry	90	Waterman Resolved	41
Snow Amos W.	151	Waterman Rufus	277
Snow Walter B.*	467	Waterman William H.	240
Snow William C.	275	Watson Matthew*	27
Southwick Isaac H. 2 shares	32, 498	Wayland Francis	236
Sprague Amasa*	293	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Stafford Robert R.	100	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Providence)	394
Staples William R.	181	Weeden William B.	522
Stayner Sarah Hood	569	Weeden William G.	248
Strad Thomas J.	249	Wells Henry A.	341
Stears Jonah	420	Wheaton Samuel B.	440
Stears Thomas E.	16	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Stillwell Samuel S.	170	Wheeler Charles H.	18
Stimson John J.*	194		
Storrs Charles O.	327		

Whitaker C. Earle	271	Wiley Benjamin B.	562
Whitaker Henry C.	121	Williams William G.	298
Whitaker Josiah	383	Witter William C.	591
Whitaker Stephen A.	291	Woodbury Augustus	557
Whitaker William	60	Woods Marshall	145, 359, 490
Whitman Thomas A. (Coventry)	199	Wright Alfred*	148
Wilcox Everett P.	460		
Wild Rebecca	398	Young Edward B.	136

577 owners of one share each	577
7 " " two shares "	14
1 owner of three shares	3
<hr/> 585	<hr/> 594

LIST OF BOOKS

ADDED TO THE LIBRARY OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

DURING THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1862—AUGUST 31, 1863.

1. ABBOTT, J. The Florence stories. The English channel. 24° N. Y., 1863.
2. ——— “ “ “ Florence and John. 24° N. Y., 1862.
3. ALCOCK, Sir R. The capital of the Tycoon, a narrative of a three years residence in Japan. 2 v. 12° N. Y., 1863.
4. ALDRICH, T. B., *editor*. Out of his head ; a romance. 12° N. Y., 1862.
5. AMERICA ; a dramatic poem. 12° N. Y., 1863.
6. ANDREWS, S. J. The life of our Lord Jesus upon the earth. 12° N. Y., 1862.
7. AUSTEN, J. Emma ; a novel. 12° Boston, 1863.
8. ——— Mansfield park ; a novel. 12° Boston, 1863.
9. ——— Pride and prejudice, and Northanger abbey. 12° Bost., 1863.
10. ——— Sense and sensibility, and Persuasion. 12° Bost., 1863.

11. BALDWIN, W. C. African hunting from Natal to Zambesi. 1852 to 1860. 12° N. Y., 1863.
12. BARRETT, W., *clerk*. The old merchants of New York city. 12° N. Y., 1863.
13. BARTHOLOW, R. A manual of instructions for enlisting and discharging soldiers ; with special reference to the medical examination of recruits. 12° Philadelphia, 1863.
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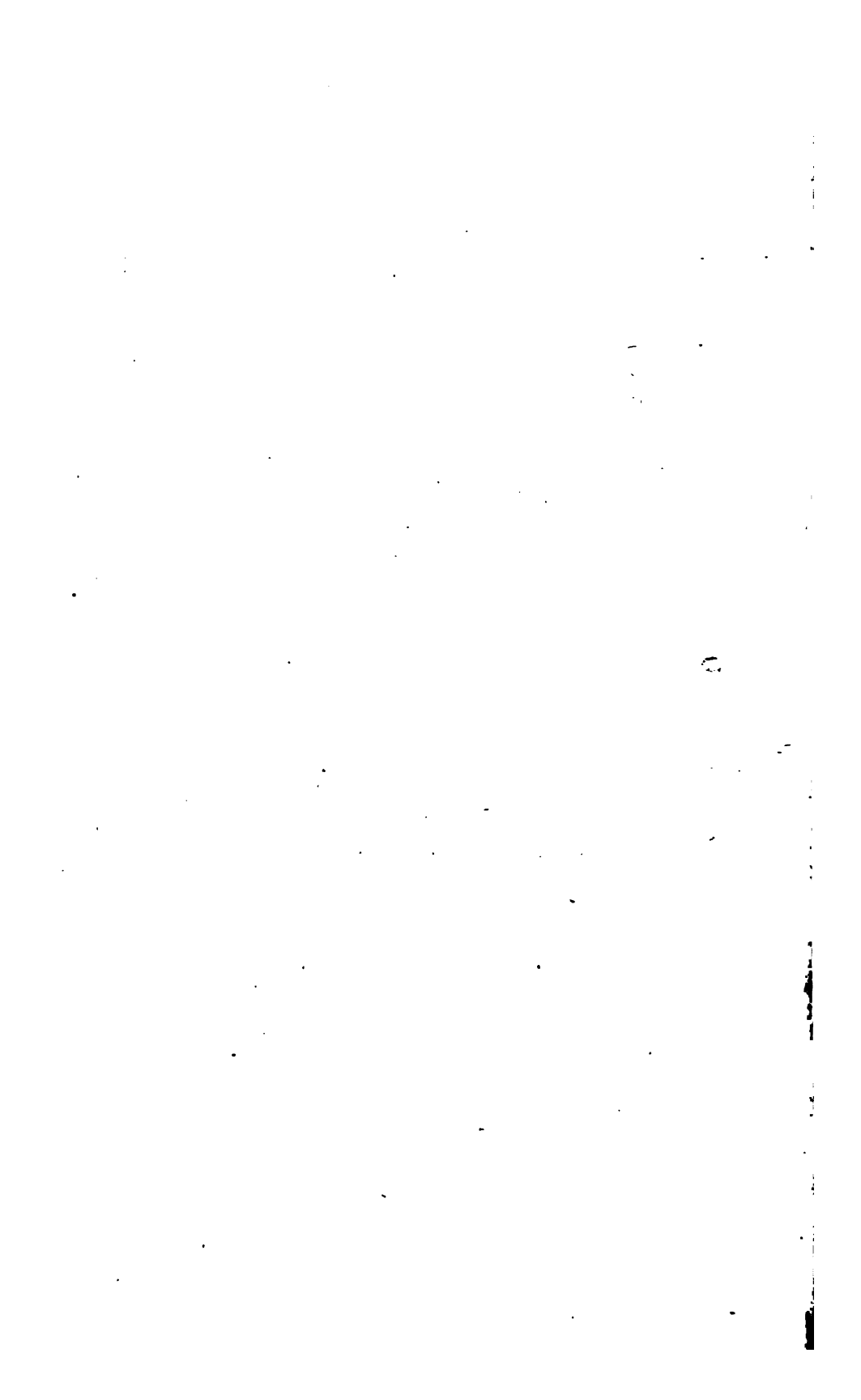
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MADE TO THE

(R.I.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

AT THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1864.



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TWENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

(R. J.)

PROVIDENCE, ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1864.

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1864-65.

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J. DUNHAM HEDGE, *Librarian.*

FREDERICK H. HEDGE, JR., *Assistant Librarian.*



REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, &C.

AT the expiration of another year in the history of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, the Board of Directors have the pleasure of presenting to the corporation the following report of their proceedings :—

On the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the Board completed the organization for the year by electing the Hon. William S. Patten, President, and Alexis Caswell, Vice-President.

Henry T. Beckwith, Esq., was subsequently elected a member of the Board, in place of Zephaniah Brown, Esq., who declined serving.

J. D. Hedge was reelected Librarian, at a salary of \$900 per annum, and F. H. Hedge, Assistant Librarian, at a salary of \$500 per annum. These gentlemen have continued to serve the Institution with fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

The following standing committee were also appointed, viz :

Library Committee.—W. S. Patten, A. Caswell, A. Farnum, S. W. Peckham, M. B. Lockwood.

Committee on Building and Grounds.—W. S. Patten, A. Farnum, S. W. Peckham.

Committee on Accounts.—H. L. Kendall, W. J. King.

We desire to record, with gratitude to Him in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, that, during the past year, no one of our number has been removed by death. All have been spared to participate with interest in the conduct of our affairs.

Monthly meetings of the Board have been held as usual. It appears, from the records, that the average attendance has been over nine members at each meeting, which is a gratifying evidence of interest in the welfare of the Institution. There is only one name on the list of Directors, which does not repeatedly appear on the record of the monthly meetings; and that is upon the roll of those who are on the lines fighting the battles of their country.

It may be proper to remark, that the corporate seal authorized by the charter has been procured since the last Annual Meeting. It consists of the figures "1836" (being the date of the charter) engraved on the leaves of an open book, in the centre of a circle, and the words, "*The Providence Athenæum, Rhode Island,*" between two concentric circular lines near the outer edge of the die.

The sidewalk in front of the Athenæum Building was relaid during the last autumn, with improved curbstones. For this valuable improvement, the Athenæum is indebted to the liberality of the heirs of the late Thomas P. Ives, Esq.

We have great pleasure in stating that, since our last meeting, a bronze medallion of Major General Burnside, of nearly life size, has been added to our collections. This beautiful and

truthful work of art, modeled by W. Barber, Esq., and executed in bronze by William Miller, Esq., will carry down to after times the noble features of an able general and a true patriot, whom Rhode Island is proud to honor, and whose name will hold a conspicuous place among the brave and unselfish defenders of our constitution and the country. It is the joint gift of several liberal and patriotic citizens whose names are entered upon our records.

We come now to the more important business of the year.

The total amount of money received, as appears by the Treasurer's books, is \$4520.58. This, with the balance of \$529.33, makes the sum of \$5049.91. The total expenditures amount to \$3337.84. Of this sum, \$1073.49 have been expended for the direct benefit of the Library, \$1400 for salaries, and \$864.35 for fuel, lights, insurance, stationery, advertising, the care of the rooms and grounds, and for sundry incidental expenses.

The items of expenditure for the direct benefit of the Library are as follows, viz.: in the purchase of books, \$587.57; in the purchase of periodicals, \$412.92; in binding, \$73.00.

The total number of volumes added since the last Annual Report of the Board is 538. Of these, the number added—

By purchase, is	-	-	-	-	-	390
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	35
By binding of periodicals, etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	113
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	538

The number of pamphlets added is 98, viz.:

By purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	52
By donation,	-	-	-	-	-	46
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	98

Classifying the books by their sizes, we find the additions to consist of—

Folios,	-	-	-	-	-	17 volumes.
Quartos,	-	-	-	-	-	19 “
Octavos,	-	-	-	-	-	247 “
Duodecimos and under,				-	-	255 “
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	538 “

The whole number of volumes in the Library, reported at the last Annual Meeting, was - - - 26,846

This increased by the additions of this year, 538

Makes a total, at the present time, of - 27,384

The examination of the Library shows that only 18 volumes have been lost since the last annual report. Fortunately, they were volumes of comparatively little value, and such as may be easily replaced. The percentage of loss is almost exactly one volume to a thousand taken out. It is creditable to the borrowers and to the management of the Library, that the loss should be so small.

The very high rates at which exchange has ruled during the year, and the largely increased cost of American books, have much restricted the number of volumes added to the Library. The general advance in prices may be seen from the fact that the purchases of last year averaged \$1.15 per volume; those of this year, \$1.62, which is equivalent to *forty-one per cent. advance*.

Donations of volumes and pamphlets have been received from the following individuals and societies, to whom the thanks of the Institution are gratefully tendered:—

Henry B. Anthony,	City Library, Lowell,
A. D. Bache, U. S. Coast Survey,	City of Providence,
John R. Bartlett,	Congressional Library,
William S. Barton, of Worcester,	Essex Institute, Salem,
William P. Blodget,	Free Public Library, New Bedford,
Joshua B. Chapin, of Barrington,	" " " Worcester,
George L. Collins,	Harper & Brothers,
William C. Cozzens, of Newport,	Harvard College,
Horace H. Day, of New York,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
Henry C. Dorr, " "	Mercantile Library Association, of
Thomas A. Doyle,	Brooklyn, N. Y.,
T. Stafford Drown, of Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Mercantile Library Association, of San
Edward E. Dunbar, of New York,	Francisco,
Alexander Farnum,	New York Central Railroad Co.,
Valentine Mott Francis, of New York,	New York Society Library,
A Friend in California,	Peabody Institute, South Danvers,
Reuben A. Guild,	Providence Conference Seminary and
Frederic H. Hedge, of Brookline, Mass.	Musical Institute,
J. D. Hedge,	Public Library, Charlestown, Mass.,
Alfred W. Jones, of Columbia College,	Redwood Library and Athenæum,
New York,	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,
E. W. Mason,	Rhode Island Medical Society,
Edward C. Mauran,	Smithsonian Institution,
Joseph Mauran,	Sons of Rhode Island in New York,
Sylvester Mowry, of Arizona,	State of Rhode Island,
George T. Paine,	United States, Department of State,
Isaac Ray,	" " Navy Department,
Henry Waterman,	" " Treasury Department,
Thomas Williams,	Washington Insurance Company, of
American Antiquarian Society,	Providence,
American Missionary Association.	Young Men's Association, of Buffalo.
American Peace Society,	

Three new periodicals have been added, during the year, to the large number heretofore taken in our reading room, viz. :—

"London Society; an illustrated magazine of light and amusing literature." 8vo. Published monthly in London.

"Public Opinion; a comprehensive summary of the press throughout the world, on all important current topics." Folio. London, weekly.

"United States Service Magazine." 8vo. New York, monthly.

The number of volumes added to the Library, this year, is very nearly the same as last year. The circulation has also been very nearly the same. The whole number of books delivered, this year, amounts to 18,412. It is a matter of no little interest to see what kind of reading is most popular with that portion of the community which patronizes the Athenæum. The following instructive details have been furnished by the Librarian. Of the 18,412 volumes taken out by proprietors and their representatives, there were of works—

On Fiction,	-	-	-	-	-	9,916
Biography and History,	-	-	-	-	-	2,557
Poetry and Belles Lettres,	-	-	-	-	-	1,760
Miscellaneous Subjects,	-	-	-	-	-	1,031
Religion and Philosophy,	-	-	-	-	-	963
Voyages and Travels,	-	-	-	-	-	831
Periodical Literature,	-	-	-	-	-	749
Science and Art,	-	-	-	-	-	605
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	18,412

Thus, it appears, that in the use of the Library, so far as it has reference to books taken out, the works on fiction outnumber, by considerable, all others put together. Whether this holds good in respect to other popular libraries we do not know. But it will be thought by many that this kind of reading has, by far, too great a preponderance; and that it tends to cultivate a trivial and vicious taste, and that it is prejudicial to the more substantial and solid culture which marks the intellectual character of a community. To some, the very idea of fiction is ominous in a moral point of view. It is nearly allied to falsehood and delusion. Now, it must be admitted, that this department in the Library is largely, perhaps, dis-

proportionately, extended. It is certainly desirable to invest our money, as far as may be, in books of permanent value. Nor have the Library Committee, with whom the responsibility mainly rests, been insensible to the importance of these considerations. In the purchase of books in this department, they have made it a point to exclude all works of doubtful tendency. They have often postponed the purchase of others of whose character they were not informed, until they could be examined, or until they were called for by persons using the Library. They have not felt at liberty to restrict themselves to works which would suit their own individual tastes; but have endeavored, in this respect, to meet the reasonable demands of the proprietors. It is to be borne in mind, moreover, that many persons interested in this Institution may wish to peruse many current books in the department of fiction which they do not wish to buy and place on the shelves of their own libraries. The most convenient way to procure them is to get them here. But it must specially be borne in mind by those who object to this kind of writing, that, though it is not true to history in the most literal sense, it is often eminently true to character, true to virtue and true to religion. Many of these works of fiction are composed by the most gifted authors, for the best and noblest purposes. They make virtue amiable, and vice odious, expose treachery and meanness to contempt, while innocence, generosity, benevolence and justice, in the struggle of life, are crowned with victory. Nowhere shall we find finer specimens of good writing, of pure morality, and skilful delineation of character, than in this department of literature. Still, it must be admitted, that many works of fiction do not merit this high commendation, and some are open to positive objection, on the ground both of bad taste and bad morals; which fact imposes upon the Library Committee the responsible task of a discrimi-

nating and just selection. The large preponderance of reading in this field of literature, and the remarks which have occasionally been made upon it, will be our apology for having adverted to it in this report.

We have thus presented to you "the state of the Library and of the general concerns of the Institution." We have stated to you what has been *formally done*. But the most important things done have not been noticed. To ascertain the real result of our year's work, we must follow our eighteen thousand volumes which have been taken from the Library, to the firesides and family circles where they have been read. And what a field does this open to the researches of the educator and the moralist; and what an incentive to new efforts must the enquiry give to the patrons and friends of a good city Library? How many of our youth have given a portion of their evening hours to the perusal of some fascinating narrative of real or imaginary life, which would otherwise have been given to profitless intercourse, or still worse, to perilous temptations in the dark recesses of city life? And with how many would this initial difference be the turning point between a life of noble and successful efforts, and a life of painful derelictions of virtue darkly shadowed with profligacy and crime. How many have had awakened in them a love of reading, and have entered upon a career of self-culture which cannot fail to produce, in after life, the richest fruits? How many a young man whose circumstances preclude him from colleges and schools of science has learned from some example which has fallen under his notice in one of our volumes, that the leisure hours of a mechanic, if duly improved, will at length place him in the rank of cultivated men, and give him an honorable position in the administration of public affairs? How many have been quickened to new intellectual efforts? How many have been

confirmed in good resolutions? What a wide range of refined pleasures and social amenities and improvements has followed in the track of these eighteen thousand volumes, as they have circulated through the community? In tracing the legitimate results of these silent and unobtrusive beginnings,—these inner emotions, aspirations and resolves,—as they are wrought out in practical life, what boundless treasures of good should we discover. In this point of view, which is, we think, the true point of view, the labors of a single year in the life of the Athenæum swell into vast dimensions, and impress upon us a deep sense of the grandeur of the work in which we are engaged.

This train of thought leads to an inquiry of great importance, but not new to you. It has often been referred to in the annual reports of the Board. But as we must often have “line upon line and precept upon precept,” in order to success, so we again refer to this enquiry. *It is, whether the benefits of the Athenæum cannot be largely extended.* The number of proprietors is now 583, which is two less than last year, while the number of shares is the same, viz., 594. During the last year, 14 shares have been sold by public auction to pay taxes. The number of proprietors has increased, but very moderately, for the last ten years. Our city numbers about sixty thousand inhabitants. There are probably about twelve thousand households. Only one in twenty of these has any interest in the Athenæum. And yet the expense of ownership is very moderate, and certainly could not be felt as a burden to the great majority of our citizens. Why, then, has not this Institution a larger patronage? It certainly cannot be for the want of general intelligence and culture among us. Still less can it be for the want of material prosperity. In all these respects, we think, we may justly claim an honorable rank in the sisterhood of American cities.

It seems hardly necessary that we should, every year, in our report, remind our fellow citizens of the literary, scientific and artistic wealth which the Athenæum proffers to the use of the public, almost as a gratuity. A library of nearly thirty thousand volumes, like ours, carefully selected, is one of the richest treasures which a city can possess. The choicest works in every department of literature and science are upon our shelves. We are particularly rich in splendidly illustrated works on natural history, architecture, and the fine arts generally. We have not, by any means, all the works which we could desire in this department, nor all that we hope to have. But any one who will examine our present collection will find that the artistic treasures of ancient and modern times, of Egypt, Greece and Rome, of the Vatican and the Louvre have their representatives, in no inconsiderable measure, in our Athenæum.

If now, by any means, we could double or treble the number of our proprietors, we could increase in a proportionate degree the value of our Library, and in like degree augment its power of good to the community. These suggestions are thrown out in the hope that they may find a response on the part of many citizens, who will find it a pleasure and an honor to enroll themselves as proprietors of the Providence Athenæum.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. S. PATTEN, *President.*

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

REPORT
ON THE
PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY FUNDS
OF THE
ATHENÆUM.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1864.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM:—

GENTLEMEN,—In obedience to a request made at the last meeting of this Board, that it should be ascertained what-portion of the invested funds of the Athenæum, amounting now to \$11,500, are to be held as temporary, and what portion as a permanent investment, if any difference exists, it is found that the first investment was \$5000, made in January, 1837, from general funds on hand, and not then intended to be permanent.

In the annual report of 1837, (p. 20,) it is stated, that stocks being low, the Board invested the sum of \$5000 in sixty-three shares of the American and seventy-four shares of the Blackstone Canal Banks, adding, in these words:—"This may be considered, at present, as a temporary investment, and may, when the avails are wanted, be sold without loss, probably at an advance."

The report of 1838 states, (p. 8,) that "the sum of \$5000 invested in bank stock remains unappropriated ; but as important departments of the Library are deplorably barren, it might now be used for the importation and purchase of valuable books."

The Treasurer, also, in his report at the same time, states, that "the bank stock (\$5000) was purchased in January, 1837, as a temporary investment," and recommends it to be converted into a permanent one, the interest to be used for the Library, (p. 16).

The report of 1839, (p. 10,) which contains the final report of the committee to erect the present building, states, that "the Institution is free from debt, and the sum of \$5000, which, as was stated in the last annual report, had been invested in bank stock, remains unappropriated."

The report of 1840, (p. 11,) states, "that the Institution is embarrassed by no debts, and its reserved fund of \$5000 remains, and, under ordinary circumstances, ought to remain unappropriated."

The report of 1842, (p. 9,) states, that "the reserved fund of \$5000 still remains unappropriated, and, in the opinion of the Board, it is advisable, under present circumstances, that it shall remain so."

The amount of that \$5000 investment has never been altered, nor its temporary character changed by any *express* vote of the Board or Corporation.

In the report of 1850, (p. 7,) is the history of the Butler Donation of \$10,000, made November 5th, 1849, by Alexander Duncan, Esq., for Cyrus Butler:—" \$6000 to be added to the permanent fund of the Institution, the income of the same only to be used, and the remaining \$4000 to be applied to pay off the debt of the Institution to the Franklin Society, and to carry

out, as far as may be, the views of the Directors as to the improvements of the basement, in connection with a convenient reading room, as set forth in their last annual report to the stockholders of the Athenæum."

Of that \$10,000 donation, \$6000, to be permanent, was invested, by a committee of the Board, in Providence and Worcester Railroad bonds, which bonds having been paid off, the amount was reinvested in United States bonds, in which it now remains.

The Directors, by vote, received this donation upon the conditions expressed in the letter of Mr. Duncan, Mr. Duncan himself being a Director, and one of the committee to invest.

The corporation, at the annual meeting, 1850, accepted the report of the Directors, thus ratifying their doings.

In the report of 1862, (p. 8,) is the history of the donation by the Rev. Allen Brown of \$500, to be permanently invested. Its terms are, "\$500 for investment, the annual income to be used in the purchase of valuable books." The donation was made December 2, 1861, and, in the annual report of 1862, it is stated that the donation of \$500 has been added to the permanent fund.

The results of the foregoing facts seem to be, that, of the invested funds of the Athenæum, now amounting to \$11,500, the \$6000 of the Butler donation and the \$500 of the Allen Brown donation are strictly a permanent investment. The \$5000 invested by the Board, in 1837, was temporary, and no vote has directly changed its temporary character; but constructively and practically it has been considered to be permanent, so much so, that, in 1850, its temporary character was so far forgotten that Mr. Duncan supposed he was, by a donation of \$6000, so much increasing a permanent fund. Considerations of propriety therefore, on that account, as well as of

expediency on many accounts, justify its being now classed as permanent.

At the last Annual Meeting, the invested funds reported were \$50 more than they now are; which \$50 were the avails of a difference in favor of the Athenæum, in the change of its investment. It was a temporary investment in a United States seven and three-tenths Treasury note, which has become due and has been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S PATTEN.

The following resolutions were passed at the Annual Meeting:—

On motion of Treasurer Henry T. Cornett, it was

Voted, That the present invested fund of the corporation, of \$11,500, be a permanent fund, and that this vote be appended to the President's report on this subject, and printed with it.

On motion of Dr. Caswell, as amended by Robert H. Ives, Esq., it was

Voted, That it is expedient to raise, by subscription, the permanent fund to twenty thousand dollars.

It was also

Voted, That the Board of Directors be instructed to adopt measures to carry this resolution into effect.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 28th, 1863\$523 33

RECEIPTS.

Tax assessed September 28th, 1863, collected on 573 shares....	\$2,865 00	
" " " 22d, 1862, " " 17 "	85 00	
" " " 23d, 1861, " " 5 "	25 00	
" " " 24th, 1860, " " 1 "	5 00	
Shares sold at auction for taxes, 14; net amount.....	48 88	
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin	1,451 85	
Fines collected.....	39 87	
United States 7 3-10 per cent. note, due August 19th, 1864, paid	50 00	
		4,570 58
		<u>\$5,669 91</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$567 57	
For periodicals.....	412 92	
For binding books, &c.....	73 00	
For salaries	1,520 00	
For fuel	150 10	
For gas.....	57 70	
For insurance.....	56 00	
For collecting assessments.....	64 49	
For blank books, forms and stationery.....	52 39	
For express, postage and stamps	24 10	
For advertising and printing.....	103 00	
For book case for the basement.....	106 77	
For repairs, matting and stair rods.....	81 82	
For sundries.....	47 98	
	3,337 84	
Balance on hand this day, deposited in the Manufacturers Bank.....	1,762 07	
		<u>5,099 91</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—

74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal Bank, par value.....	\$1,850 00	
63 shares stock in the American Bank, par value	3,150 00	
3 United States bonds, par value.....	6,500 00	
		<u>11,500 00</u>

The number of shares issued remains the same as last year, viz.....	594
Shares on which the tax assessed September 28th, 1863, has not been collected.....	7

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. CORNETT, *Treasurer.*

Providence, September 26th, 1864.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1864.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Richard J.	40
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Stephen (s. o.)	34
Ackerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
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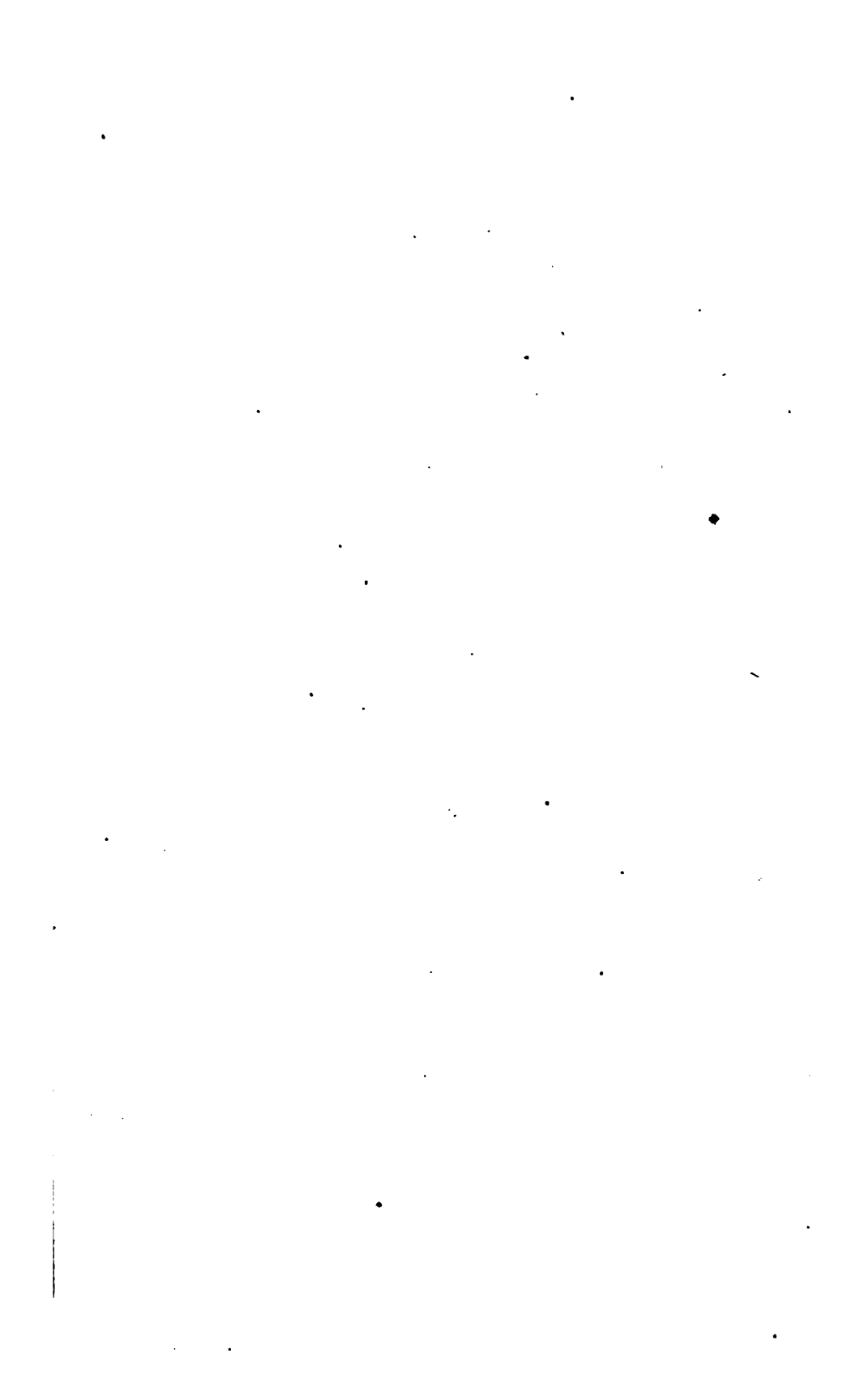
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REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, & C.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM surrender their trust to the Proprietors, with the usual and required account of their doings, and of the condition of the Library. It is only the modest record of the customary work and growth of a year. These always fall within some tolerably regular limits, and allow little variety or novelty in the report. It is the story of a Public Library, with its expenses, its acquisitions, its distributions, and its general administration: It does not go outside of its doors, where the real work of the Library begins, into the actual ministry of its books to taste, to amusement, to knowledge and to culture. It cannot take account of the invisible supply they give to thought, to knowledge, to enjoyment; of the inner and finer life awakened and nourished, and taking stimulus to unknown progress, from the stores of this Institution, of which, for the time, we are trustees and guardians. It must keep itself within the narrow compass of visible changes and growth.

The Board has been organized with its usual officers and committees, and has met at the appointed time each month.

At the first meeting a committee was charged with the duty of raising the permanent fund to twenty thousand dollars, according to the instructions of the Proprietors at their Annual Meeting. The committee have obtained subscriptions which bring it nearly to \$15,000.

July 17, 1865, Mr. Henry T. Cornett resigned the post of Treasurer, on account of his removal from Providence. The Board, highly appreciating his services, were obliged to accept his resignation, and elected Mr. Stephen H. Arnold to take his place. By his report it will appear that—

There has been received,	-	-	-	-	\$4,199 69
There was in the Treasury, September 26, 1864,					1,762 07
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Making the Fund at our disposal	-	-			\$5,961 76

There has been expended for the Library, as follows:

For books,	-	-	-	-	\$1,989 71
For periodicals,	-	-	-	-	870 70
For binding,	-	-	-	-	125 48
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					\$2,435 89
For Salaries,	-	-	-	-	1,820 00
For fuel, lights, insurance, stationery, advertising,					
repairs, care of premises and sundries,					1,018 18
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Total,	-	-	-	-	\$5,274 07

The increase of the Library has been 850 volumes, bringing the whole number to 28,234. Of the additions, 15 were in folio; 31 in quarto; 510 in octavo, and 294 in duodecimo and under. Seven hundred and twelve of these were obtained by purchase, 86 by gift, and 102 by binding periodicals, etc. One hundred and one pamphlets have also been

added; 62 by gift, and 39 by purchase. Contributions have been received from the persons and societies named below, which the Directors gratefully acknowledge.

Zachariah Allen,	Committee of the Charitable Baptist
A. D. Bachs, U. S. Coast Survey,	Society,
R. Lennox Bankes, of Albany, N. Y.,	Congressional Library,
John R. Bartlett,	First Baptist Church,
Ira M. Barton, of Worcester,	Free Public Library, of New Bedford,
Ethelbert R. Billings,	" " " Charlestown, Mass.
John A. Bingham, Washington, D. C.,	" " " Worcester, Mass.,
Samuel W. Brown,	Hartford Young Men's Institute,
Samuel L. Caldwell,	Library Committee of Brown Univer-
Thomas A. Doyle,	sity,
A Friend in California,	Library Company of Philadelphia,
Richard F. Fuller, of Boston,	Mercantile Library Association, of
R. W. Foster, of Harlem, N. Y.,	Brooklyn, New York,
Frederic H. Hedge, of Brookline, Mass.	Mercantile Library Association, of
J. D. Hedge,	New York,
William Jones Hoppin, of New York,	Mercantile Library Association, of
David W. Hoyt,	San Francisco,
Thomas A. Jenckes,	Peabody Institute, South Danvers,
John H. Lonsdale,	Redwood Library,
Thomas Man,	Rhode Island Medical Society,
Edward C. Mauran,	B. I. Society for the Encouragement of
Sylvester Mowry, of Arizona,	Domestic Industry,
Charles Short, of Kenyon College, O.,	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,
William Sprague,	State of Rhode Island,
Edwin M. Stone,	Trustees of Rhode Island Hospital,
George H. Thurston, Pittsburgh, Penn.	Young Men's Mercantile Library Asso-
Henry Waterman,	ciation, of Buffalo,
Augustus Woodbury,	Young Men's Mercantile Library Asso-
American Antiquarian Society,	ciation, of Cincinnati,
American Missionary Association,	Washington Insurance Company, of
American Peace Society,	Providence,
Chicago Historical Society,	Wilmington Institute.
City of Providence,	

Mr. Henry T. Cornett, late Treasurer, has presented to the Athenæum a portrait, in oil, of President Zachary Taylor, painted by C. A. Foster, in 1849. A medallion in plaster,

of Rev. Charles T. Brooks, of Newport, has been received from Miss Eliza B. Lyman, and a plaster bust of William H. Prescott, from Mrs. Moses B. Lockwood. The accumulation of works of art, which is now becoming considerable, is pointing forward to a necessity for larger space for their exhibition, which, before long, the corporation will be obliged to recognize. More and better room, no doubt, would accelerate the accumulation. A gallery of art is only accessory and incidental to the principal function of the Athenæum. But growing up around the Library, by contribution, it would be a great and valuable auxiliary, and might well be provided for in the ever progressive plans of an Institution like this. The Library itself, by natural growth, will soon require more room, and perhaps changes in the present building, and by that time, it is a very reasonable expectation that the collection of objects of art will be sufficiently large to demand a fit place for exhibition.

The increase of the Library has been larger than in any one of the five years past, though it has not reached the average of additions in the five years preceding the war. The increase is to be weighed rather than numbered. Judged by merit, it is a very substantial and valuable addition. The Directors have felt justified, and almost obliged, to resume their drafts upon the English book-market, and have accordingly ordered a large number of foreign works, most of which have been imported free of duty, and at very reasonable rates. For while a larger sum has been paid for the increase of the Library than in any previous year, it is to be remembered that three or four years have brought about a great change in the American book-market. Books are no longer to be bought at the old rates. Rapid wealth in new hands has created a new class of buyers, who, with the taste or the ambition for a rare and elegant collection

of books, are in a hurry to indulge it, and careless of cost. Booksellers can ask what price they choose for certain books which have a reputation, and many of the choicest works on our shelves could not be bought now for two or three times their cost. The purchases of the past year, considering the quality of the books, the rates of exchange, and the advance of prices, are, in the judgment of the Directors, very satisfactory. The average cost of the books bought in England was \$3.00 a volume.

While the growth of the Library has been arrested by temporary causes, during the years of our civil trouble, it is certainly the true policy to provide for its steady, permanent enlargement. It is not enough to make good deterioration and waste; or to keep up with the fresh issues of the press. Much of this is ephemeral, is soon unsought, and becomes waste paper on your shelves. Enrichment is the true enlargement. Every year should add to the solid, durable value of the Library, in books which are worth as much, which will be read as fondly, which will flow with as perennial benefit in the next generation as now. This is economy and future life and power to the Institution. Increase of capital is increase of business. New stockholders will come as the stock rises. And while it is possible, perhaps desirable, by other methods, to increase the number of Proprietors, there is none to take the place of this surest of all,—the annual enrichment of the Library.

There has been an advance of circulation over last year of fifteen hundred volumes, with no material change in its character. This indicates more reading, as the number of shares has not multiplied in proportion. There are 598 shares, being four more than last year, of which 554 have been used.

There have been delivered, 19,977 volumes. Of these, the greatest number was given out in March, viz : 2,045. The greatest number taken in one day was 179, November 5th, 1864.

Of the issues, there were

In Fiction, - - - - -	10,636
Biography and History, - - -	2,971
Poetry and Belles Lettres, - -	1,971
Periodicals, - - - - -	986
Miscellaneous Literature, - -	955
Religion and Philosophy, - -	910
Voyages and Travels, - - -	824
Science and Art, - - - -	724

Fifteen volumes are missing from the shelves, all of them of little value.

Here, our report properly closes. It closes with the fact which justifies the existence and the cost of the Athenæum, suggesting the great uses it serves in our social economy. In the course of a twelvemonth it distributes into life here, whatever influences, inspirations, joys, whatever light and truth, whatever virtue and health and culture, whatever of fact or fancy, of the wisdom of the wise, of the knowledge of the learned, of the poet's lofty lore, can be carried in twenty thousand books. They may be read wisely, or unwisely ; for dissipation, or for improvement. That the draught of fiction is so immense, and out of just proportion, has been very fully discussed in previous reports. That is quite beyond our regulation, except as we limit and sift the supply. But after all exceptions are allowed, there still remains the great and salutary function of a Public Library, in the education and better life of our people. Let a wise and pure guardianship secure the character of the supplies it

sends out, and it becomes the minister of unknown benefit. It multiplies enjoyment; it magnifies mind; it redeems time from waste, and disenchanta coarse pleasures; it kindles and supplies new flames in young breasts; it helps the Teacher and the Minister; it joins with the school and the church, with all education and all law and all religion, to elevate, to illuminate, to purify our civilization.

WM. S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury September 26, 1864.....\$1,702 07

RECEIPTS.

For 4 Shares sold at \$15.....	\$ 60 00	
Tax assessed Sept. 26, 1864, collected on 387 shares.....	2,935 00	
" " " 28, 1863, " " 1 share.....	5 00	
For six shares sold at auction for taxes—nett amount.....	39 75	
Dividends and Interest on invested Funds, including premium on Coin.....	1,083 47	
Interest allowed by Manufacturers National Bank on deposit of \$1400, from October 1st, 1864, to July 26th, 1865.....	46 67	
Fines collected.....	29 80	
		<u>4,190 09</u>
		<u>\$5,961 76</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$1,939 71	
For periodicals.....	370 70	
For binding books, &c.....	125 48	
For salaries.....	1,820 00	
For fuel.....	205 50	
For gas.....	78 84	
For insurance.....	65 24	
For collecting assessments.....	113 80	
For blank books, forms and stationery.....	25 57	
For express, postage and stamps.....	22 52	
For advertising and printing.....	129 29	
For repairs.....	300 94	
For furniture.....	12 32	
For sundries.....	64 16	
		<u>\$5,274 02</u>
Balance on hand this day, deposited in the Manufacturers National Bank.....	687 69	
		<u>\$5,961 76</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—
 74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value.....\$1,830 00
 63 shares stock in the American National Bank, par value.....3,150 00
 3 United States Bonds, par value.....6,500 00
\$11,500 00

The number of shares issued September 26th, 1864, was.....594
 The number issued the past year is.....4

Making a total of.....598
 Tax assessed September 28th, 1863, was remitted on one share.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, September 25, 1865.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 25, 1865.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Eliza O.	598	Arnold Welcome	142
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Adams Seth Jr.	14	Austin Samuel	2
Adie Alexander F.	517		
Akerman Charles	350		
Albro Benjamin T.	464	Bailey William M.	165
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Baker George	226
Allen Charles B.	50	Balch John R.	339
Allen Crawford	6	Balch Joseph	205
Allen Philip	9	Balch Joseph P.	419
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bailou Sarah V.	169
Allen Zachariah	8	Barker Frederic A.	520
Ames Samuel	171	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares,	97, 369
Andrews Betsey, executrix	345	Barstow John*	310
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Bartlett John R.	279
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Angell Edwin G.	133	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Angell James B.	184	Beckwith Truman	19
Angell John W.	287	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	362
Anthony Henry	44	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Anthony Henry B.	414	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Aplin Charles	453	Binney William	558
Armington Asa W.	289	Blaisdell Alfred O	451
Armington James H.	331	Blake Joseph M.	540
Armington Mathew W.	83	Blodget Samuel C	110
Arnold Charles	106	Blodget William P.	387
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Boon Charles E.	267
Arnold George C.	103	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Arnold Job	570	Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Arnold John N.	223	Bowen Henry	198
Arnold Margaret L.	559	Bowen Henry L.*	312
Arnold Richard J.	40	Bowen Tully D	130
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Bradford S. S.	65
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Brastow Billings	31

* Deceased.

Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Clifford Marian*	47
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Coggeshall James H.	460
Brown Edward W.	532	Collins George L.	526
Brown Henry T.	510	Collins James C.	460
Brown Isaac	245	Congdon George W.	257
Brown John Carter	77	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown Joseph R.	480	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown Moses*	1	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Brown Nicholas*	547	Cook Joseph J.	565
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Corliss George H.	360
Brown Thomas	212	Cornett Henry T.	265
Brown William*	324	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Brown William Waterman	219	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Brown William Whipple	466	Cowing Ward, children	391
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cranston Henry C.	548
Browne George H.	585	Crocker Nathan B.	296
Brownell Francis S.	160	Cross James M.	561
Bucklin James O.	373	Cushing Samuel B.	390
Bucklin Simon S.	168		
Buel Rufus F.	573	Daggett John	455
Buffum Benjamin	52	Danielson George W.	152
Bullock Julia	502	Darling Levi B.	572
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Dart William H.*	128
Bullock William P.*	144	Davenport Samuel C.	470
Burges Walter S.	78	Davis John W.	217
Burgess Frederick	76	Davis Thomas	173
Burrough Joseph	888	Day Daniel	53
Burrough Martha H.	367	Day Israel H.	203
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dearth William G.	117
Bush Patience M.	206	DeMunn Sarah	447
Bush Richard W.	91	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Butler Cyrus*	7	DeWitt Henry A.	469
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Butts Frank	397	Dexter Samuel*	95
Butts George W.	597	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
		Dike Arba B.	463
Cady Shubael H.	536	Dorr Sullivan	360
Calder Albert L.	274	Dorrance Amey G.	416
Caldwell Samuel C.	579	Dorrance James R.	395
Carlisle Elizabeth	444	Dorrance Tully	244
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dorrance William T.	92
Carpenter Thomas	592	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Drown William H.	338
Carpenter Tisdale	239	Duncan Alexander	12
Caswell Alexis	270	Duncan David	261
Central Baptist Society	307	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Central Congregational Society	49	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chace Alexander B.	42	Dunnell Mary	235
Chace Elizabeth (Valley Falls)	149	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chace George I.	224	Dunwell James P.	412
Chace Lewis J.	527	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chace William M.*	176	Dyer Benjamin*	131
Chaffee Mary E.	555	Dyer Elisha	159
Channing William F.	105	Dyer John	21
Chapin Amory*	84	Dyer John F.	259
Chapin George W.	337	Dyer Mary A.	302
Chapin John F.	696		
Chapin Joshua B. (Barrington)	423	Eames Jane A.	487
Chapman Rhodes B.	406	Eames Laura C.	107
Child Lewis P.	345	Earle Amey Ann	370
Childs Charles H.	208	Earle William	474
Childs Charles T.	578	Eddy John H.	311
Clafflin George L.	482	Ely James W. C.	545
Clark Thomas M.	411		
Clarke, Benjamin F.	403	Farnsworth Claudias B.	589
Clarke James M.	501	Farnum Alexander	228
Clarke John H.	13	Field Daniel	26
Cleveland Almira A.	329		

Field John A.	209	Harris Thomas	353
Field William	15	Hart Charles	553
First Baptist Church	405	Hartley George S.*	448
First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580	Hartshorn Charles P.	38
First Universalist Society of Prov.	566	Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438
Fisher Addison Q.	544	Hartshorn Isaac	191
Fisher Charles L.*	528	Hawes Amos B.	207
Fletcher Joseph	368	Hayes Wingate	98
Fletcher Thomas	300	Hayward Thomas W.	563
Fuhrer William F.	582	Hazard Edward H.	563
Fogg Ezra D.	396	Hazard George P.	529
Foster Samuel	576	Heap James	439
Fourth Baptist Church	538	Hedge Frederic H. Jr.	238
Francis John N.	590	Hidden Henry A.	137
French William S.	318	Hill Hiram	163
Friendship St. Baptist Church	539	Hill Paris	134
Fuller Frederick	560	Hill Thomas J.	363
		Hilton William D.	114
Gallup Albert S.	503	Hodges Isaac A.	468
Gammell William	286	Hoppin George H.	430
Gardiner Malachi R.	193	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Ghirardini Maria L.	431	Hoppin William W.	283
Gladding Henry G.	280	Hoskins James B.	294
Glezen Eben K.	407	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Goddard Thomas P. I.	519	Howard Henry	354
Goddard Wm. G.* 2 shares	234, 406	Howard William A.	75
Goff Amey S.	499	Howland John A.	192
Goodwin Daniel	315	Hoyt David W.	581
Gorham Jabez	45	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Gorham John	427	Hudson Henry E.	241
Gorton Charles	355	Humphry Walker	475
Greene Albert C. cashier	492	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Greene Albert G.	332	Hunt George	364
Greene Ardelia E.	342	Hutchins Shubael	123
Greene Benjamin	136	Hutchins Sterns	175
Greene Cornelia E.	429		
Greene Richard W.	73	Ives Hope*	404
Greene Rufus	444	Ives Hope B.	3
Greene Sarah A.	290	Ives Robert H.	4
Greene Scott	166		
Greene Warren A.	535	Jackson Charles E.	541
Greene Welcome A.	358	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Greene William Albert*	187	Jastram George B.	381
Greene William Albert*	164	Jastram Pardon S.	204
Greene William H.	543	Jefferson St. Baptist Church	540
Greene William R.	167	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Grinnell George	229	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Grinnell William T.	56	Jenkins William*	5
Gross Thomas J. A.	374	Jillson Charles D.	461
Grosvenor William	106	Johnson William S.	329
Grout Abby R.	29	Jones Albert J.	82
		Jones Edward S.	512
Haines William S.	102	Jones John D.	472
Hale Isaac	382	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hall Edward B.	263		
Hall George R. (Bristol)	284	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hall George W.	496	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hallet George W.	37	Kelly Wilber*	125
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Kendall Henry L.	88
Ham James S.*	341	Kendall Oliver	505
Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471	Kilton Charles H.	172
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Kilton John B.	148
Hamlin William E.	178	Kimball Eliza G.	550
Harkness Albert	357	King George M. P.	503
Harkness Thomas	33	King William J.	571
Harris Avis L.	457	Kingsbury John	214
Harris David S.	112	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Harris Stephen*	221		

Knight Henry P.	233	Nightingale Edwin J.	239
Knight Nehemiah R.*	89	Nightingale George C.	113
Knowles Edward P.	488	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Knowles John P.	71	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Knowles Joseph	268	Noyes George O.	295
		Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lapham Benjamin N.	446		
Larchar John*	39	Okie A. Howard	586
Larned Samuel*	306	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Lathrop Henry E.	582	Olney Stephen T.	186
Leach Daniel, 2 shares	252, 515	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Lewis Dexter B.	165	Ormsbee John S.	347
Lincoln John L.	119	Osborn William	340
Lippitt Christopher	150	Owen Ezekiel	54
Lippitt Henry	68	Owen George	401
Lippitt Peleg W.	587	Owen Smith	389
Llewin James M.	157		
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Lyman Henry B.	87	Padelford A. J.	127
Lyman John W.	126	Padelford Beth	111
Lyon Mary W.	549	Paine Amasa*	115
		Paine Daniel	328
Maguire Thomas (N. Providence)	25	Palmer John B.	500
Manton Amasa	24	Parkhurst William H.	155
Manton Robert	409	Parsons Charles W.	35
Manton Walter	410	Parsons Usher	375
Martin Joseph	456	Patten William S.	237
Mason Charles F.	264	Payne Abraham	497
Mason Earl P.	258	Payton Eliza J.	264
Mason George	81	Pearce Edward	185
Mason Henry W.	285	Pearce Edward D.	321
Mason Israel B.	200	Pearce Thomas*	30
Mason John N.	222	Pearson Luther	23
Mason Owen	216	Peck Allen O.	211
Mathewson Henry C.	247	Peck George B.	376
Mathewson Parley M.	118	Peckham Edward L.	481
Mathewson Rollin	421	Peckham Fenner H.	533
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Peckham Frank B.	309
Mauran Abby	62	Peckham Joseph C.	319
Mauran Augustus C.*	551	Peckham Samuel W.	135
Mauran Joseph	243	Peckham Thomas*	22
Mauran Suchet	132	Peirce Charles H.	564
Mauran Suchet 2d	330	Peirce Fenelon A.	523
Mead Marshal B.	508	Perry Amos	458
Merrill William S.	314	Phillips Thomas	378
Merriman Charles H.	537	Pierce Asa	218
Metcalf Almira T.	282	Pierce William G.	422
Metcalf Edwin	254	Pitman Henry	197
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Pitman John	63
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Pitman Joseph S.	424
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Pond Charles G.	225
Miles Amanda	118	Potter Alfred	120
Miller Charles T.	443	Potter Charles*	55
Miller Frederick	518	Potter Nathaniel F.	428
Miller Lewis L.	146	Potter Roger Williams	109
Mitchell Thomas L.	452	Potter William H.	139
Morse Alphens C.	588	Power St. Meth. Epis. Church	361
Moulton & Ingraham	506	Pratt Peter*	17
Mowry Martha H.	104	Pratt William H.	495
Mowry William G. R.	10		
Murray Robert Jr.	524		
		Randolph John R.	521
Newcomb Rhoda	362	Rathbone George S.	210
Nichols Emeline B.	577	Rathbone Stephen K.	20

Rawson Henry M.	344	Swan Jarvis B.	256
Ray Isaac	435	Sweet Joseph	276
Read Francis	434		
Read James H. 2 shares	84, 432		
Reynolds James	3	Taft Cyrus	161
Reynolds John*	320	Taft George (Pawtucker)	476
Reynolds William H.	415	Taft Orray	59
Rhodes Henry A.	322	Taft Royal C.	465
Rhodes James T.	232	Talbot Charlotte (New York)	56
Rhodes Peleg A.*	260	Tallman William*	372
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Taylor Daniel A. 2 shares	511, 534
Rice Howard M.	479	Taylor John H.	87
Richardson Henry	231	Temple William	436
Richmond George M.	46	Thayer Euclid C.	366
Richmond Harriet T.	525	Thomas George B.	591
Richmond St. Cong. Society	494	Thomas Hanson H.	442
Rickard R. R.	43	Thompson John C. Jr.	365
Rivers Mary	531	Thurber Edmund	509
Robinson Charles P.	459	Thurber Isaac	281
Robinson William A.	489	Tibbitts Mary R.	227
Rodman William M.	196	Tibbitts William W.*	552
Rogers Henry A.	57	Tillinghast Charles F.	516
Rogers Horatio	400	Tillinghast James	272
Rogers Joseph	301	Tillinghast Sophia F.	74
		Tingley Albert H.	177
Sabin Charles	201	Tingley Edmund W.	124
Sacket Adnah*	317	Tingley Henry	297
Salisbury Charles T.	513	Tobey John F.	402
Salisbury Levi	575	Tobey Samuel B.	66
Salisbury Samuel S.*	425	Tompkins John A.	454
Sellow Clinton D.	80	Torrey Moses E.	384
Shaw Allen	251	Tourtellot Amasa R.	141
Shaw Emma Graves	377	Townsend William C.	122
Shaw John M.	154	Tripp Benjamin	61
Shaw Mary A.	587	Truman Nathan	248
Shearman Sylvester G.	308	Turner John	327
Sheldon Francis J.	158	Tyler Solomon	64
Sheldon Nicholas	188		
Shepard Thomas P.	385	Updike Walter W.*	478
Simmons James F.* (Johnston)	13	Utley Leander*	242
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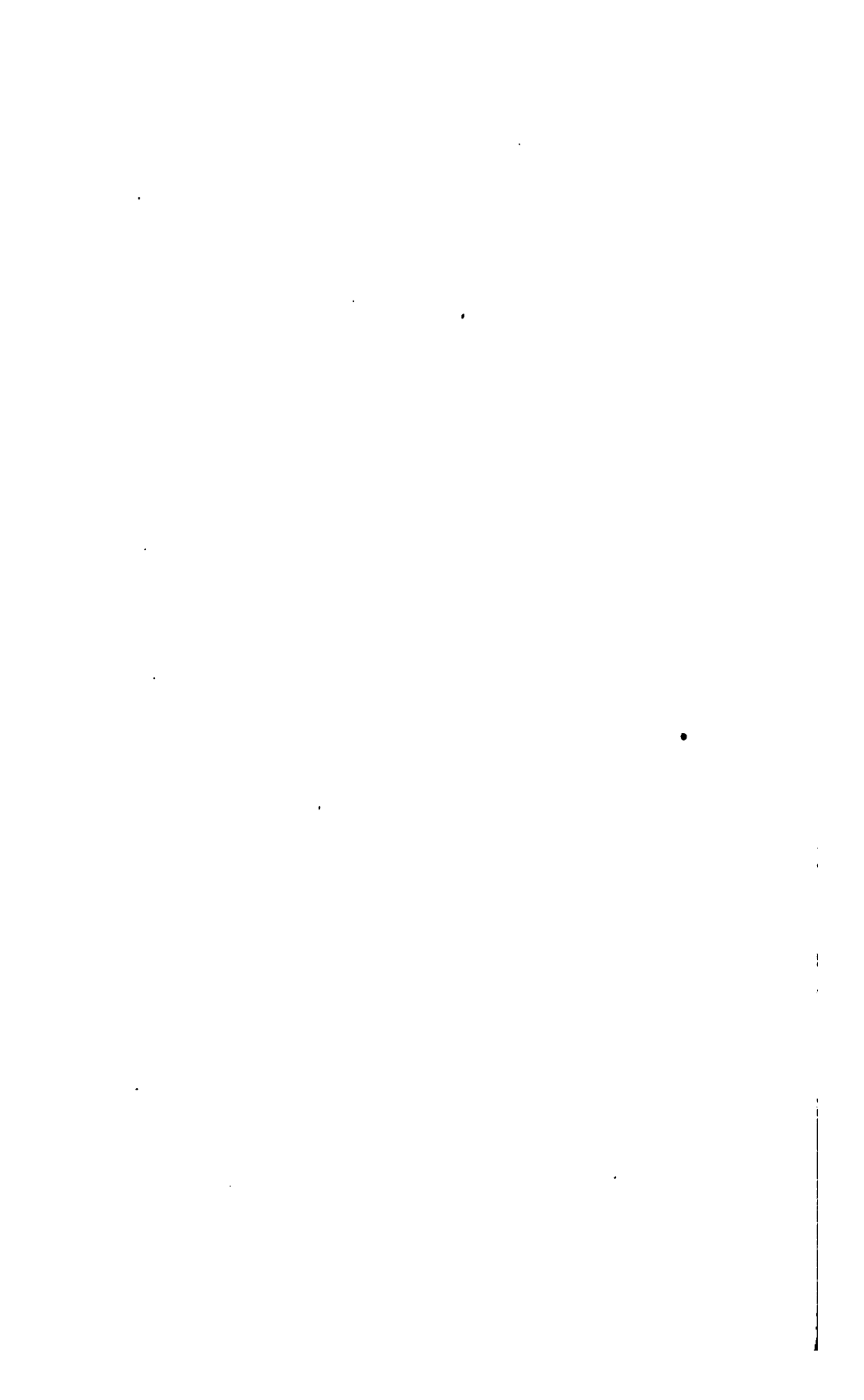
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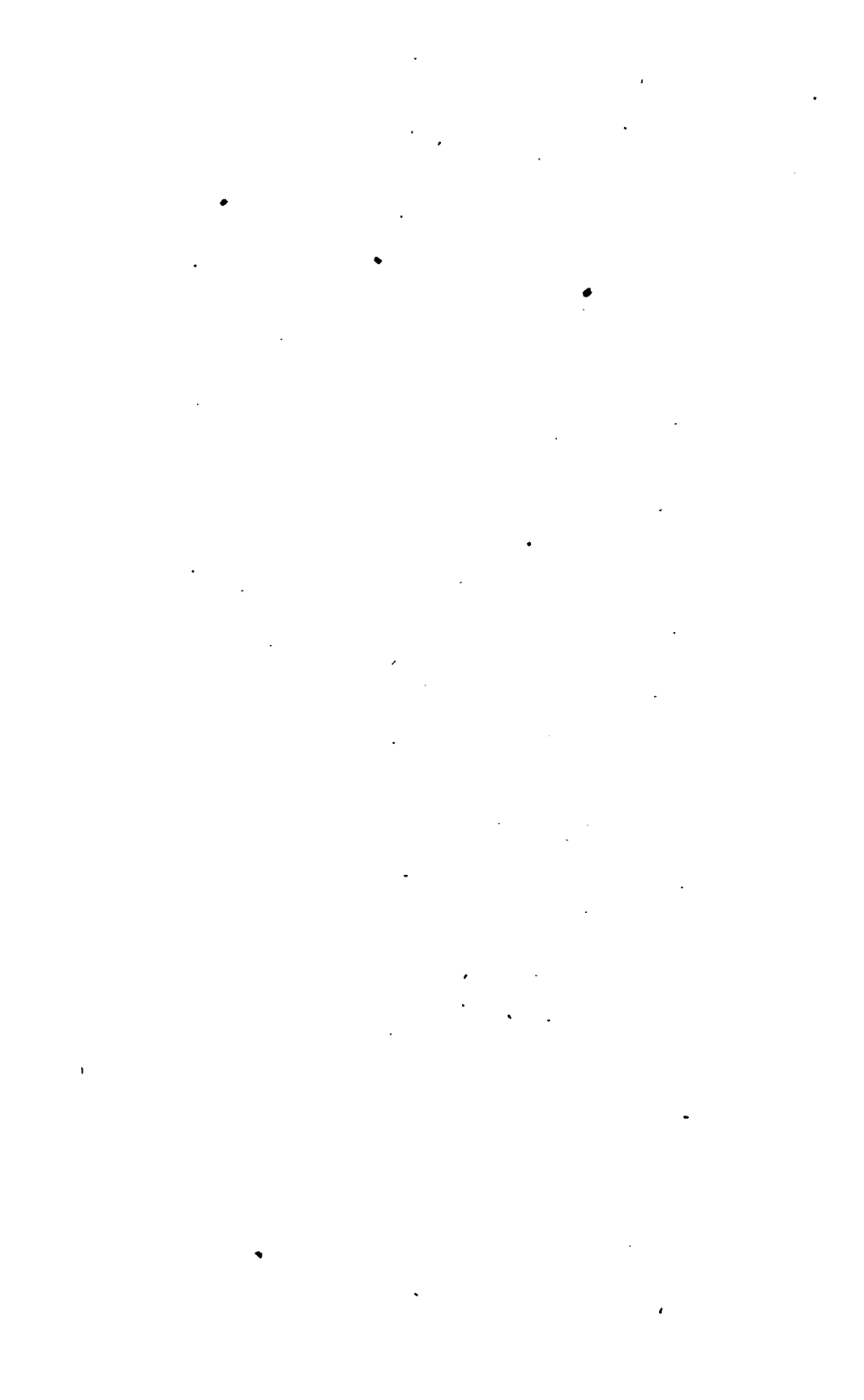
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MADE TO THE

(R.I.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1866.



THIRTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
(R. L.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1866.

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1866-67.

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STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, TREASURER.
JAMES TILLINGHAST, SECRETARY.

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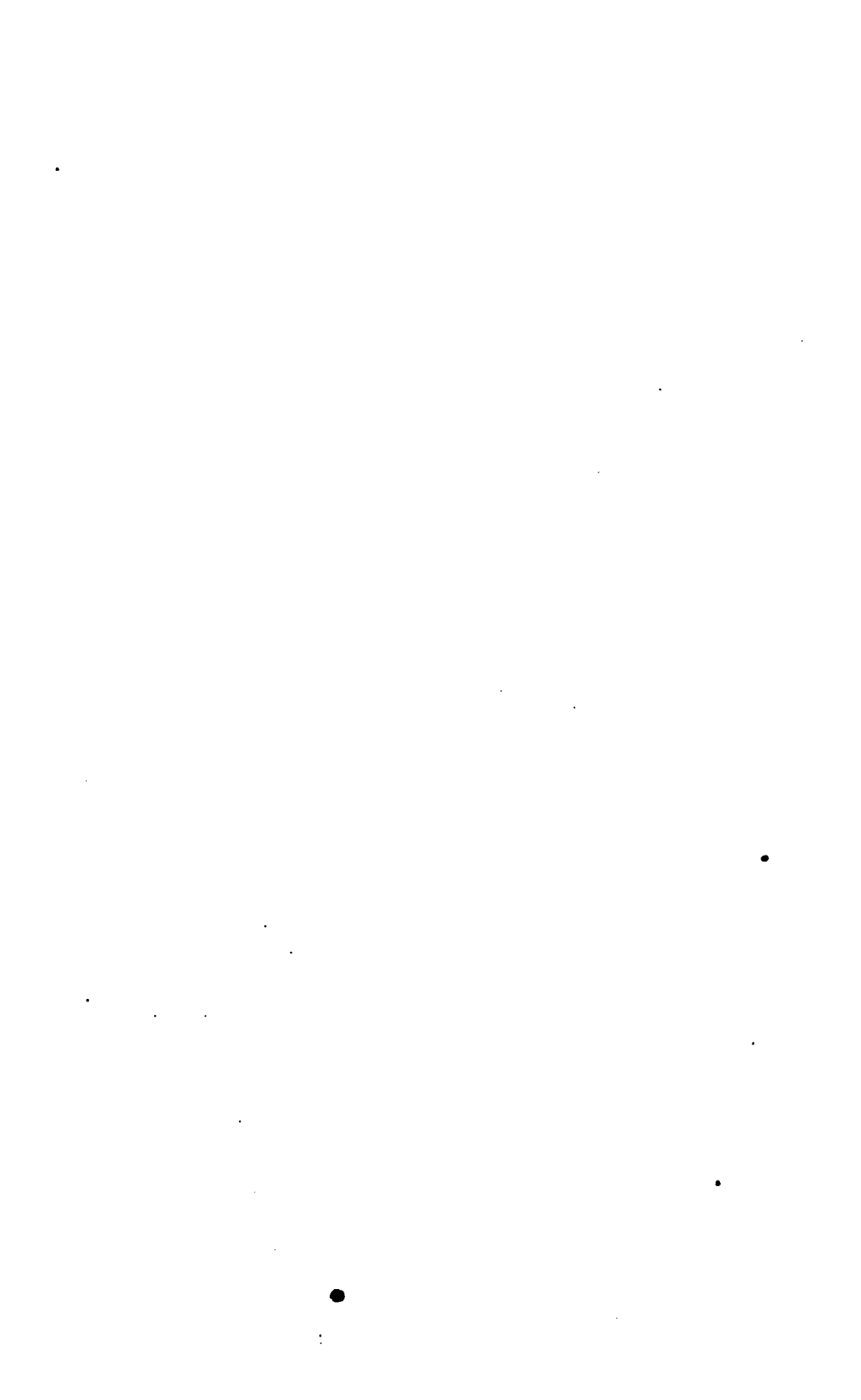
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HENRY T. CORNETT.	

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TULLY D. BOWEN,	THOMAS L. DUNNELL,
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FREDERICK H. HEDGE, JR., ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.



R E P O R T.

THE ATHENÆUM, in its present organization, has now been in existence upwards of thirty years. It has shed its influences over an entire generation, and from humble beginnings it has grown up to a conspicuous place among the most useful and cherished institutions of the community. Its objects and its administration are now fully understood, and its ennobling agencies are very widely appreciated. Founded in a wise and generous charity, and ministering only to the intellectual and spiritual wants of men, its progressive life goes noiselessly on, from year to year, without events that awaken excitement, and without changes that provoke discussion. Its proprietors, as they have gathered at so many annual meetings, have had their attention repeatedly directed to nearly every question relating to its prosperity, so that there now remains but little for its Directors to do, in preparing their annual report, save to gather the statistics of the closing year, and to give back the trust which was committed to them, into the hands of those from whom it was received. In doing this, we must not forget that the statistics we present are but rude and imperfect exponents of those unrecorded agencies which it is the office and aim of an institution like this to set in operation among the thoughts

of men,—agencies which, though they cannot always be immediately traced, are yet sure to show themselves at length in the more elevated character of the citizen and the improved tone of the community. The real usefulness of a public library, like that of an institution of education, is not to be measured merely by the extent of its catalogue. It is rather to be estimated by the kind of culture it imparts, and the type of character it forms among those who come within the sphere of its influence.

Within the limits to which their report is thus restricted, the Directors take great pleasure in being able to state, that the year which now closes has been one of unusual prosperity in all the interests of the Athenæum. Never has its condition been more satisfactory; and, it may be added, never has a participation in its benefits been so desirable as at the present time.

At the first regular meeting of the Board after the annual election, the officers of the year were chosen and the customary committees were appointed. The following gentlemen were also reëlected to the places in the Library which, for several years, they have so worthily filled, viz.:

J. Dunham Hedge, Librarian.

Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian.

At the same meeting, a letter was received from George L. Collins, declining the post of Director, to which he had been elected, and Robinson P. Dunn was chosen to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

From the annual statement of the Librarian, it appears that the additions made to the library, during the year, amount to 801 volumes and 103 pamphlets. Of the volumes, 617 were obtained by purchase; 59, by donation, and 125

by the binding of periodicals. They may be classified as follows: 23 folios; 31 quartos; 438 octavos, and 309 duodecimos and smaller. Of the pamphlets, 41 were obtained by purchase and 62 by donation. The number of volumes in the library, at the presentation of the last Annual Report, was 28,234. The number, at the present time, is 29,035. As had been done in the year preceding, the Directors appropriated a portion of the available funds of the year for the purchase of a list of desirable books in the London market, in both instances taking advantage of a visit abroad, for business purposes, made by Mr. Sidney S. Rider, of this city, by whom the order was satisfactorily executed. Many of these books are more than usually expensive, and the average cost per volume of the whole number purchased, during the year, amounts to \$2.25.

The five following periodicals have also been added to those already upon the tables of the reading-room:

The Contemporary Review, London, published monthly.

MacMillan's Magazine, London, published monthly.

The Argosy, London, published monthly.

The Philadelphia Photographer, Philadelphia, published monthly.

The Nation, New York, published weekly.

Donations of volumes and pamphlets have been received from the following persons and institutions, whose names the Directors take pleasure in recording in their report:

A. D. Bache, U. S. Coast Survey,	George E. Church,
Charles E. Bailey, North Providence,	Thomas Davis, of North Providence,
Henry T. Beckwith,	Thomas L. Dunnell,
William Binney,	Daniel Field,
Samuel W. Brown,	Desmond Fitzgerald,
Samuel L. Caldwell,	James B. Francis, of Lowell, Mass.,
Richard H. Chittenden, of New York,	Reuben A. Guild,

J. D. Hedge,	Mercantile Library Association, of
Thomas A. Jenckes	Brooklyn, N. Y.,
John H. Lonsdale,	Mercantile Library Association, of the
Edward C. Mauran,	City of New York,
Norah Perry,	Mercantile Library Association, of San
Seth Reed,	Francisco,
John L. Sibley, Cambridge, Mass.,	Peabody Institute, of South Danvers,
James Y. Smith,	Public Library, of Charlestown, Mass.,
Edwin M. Snow,	Providence Association of Mechanics
William Sprague,	and Manufacturers,
Charles W. Stearns, of Philadelphia,	Redwood Library,
Jeremiah N. Thomas,	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,
Augustus Woodbury,	Rhode Island Society for the Encour-
American Antiquarian Society,	agement of Domestic Industry,
American Missionary Association,	State of Rhode-Island,
American Peace Society,	Trustees of the Cooper Union,
Chicago Historical Society,	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
City Library, of Lowell, Mass.,	sociation, of Buffalo,
Detroit Young Men's Society,	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
Free Public Library, of Worcester,	sociation, of Cincinnati,
Mass.,	United States Congressional Library,
Hartford Young Men's Institute,	Wilmington Institute.
Library Company, of Philadelphia,	

The extent to which the library has been used, as a library of circulation, during the year, will appear from the following figures; no record having been kept of the number of persons who have visited it for reading its periodicals or consulting its books.

Total number of books given out,	-	-	19,561
Works of Fiction, -	-	-	10,455
Biography and History, -	-	-	3,007
Poetry and Belles Lettres, -	-	-	1,603
Religion and Philosophy, -	-	-	1,087
Periodicals, -	-	-	905
Miscellaneous Literature, -	-	-	903
Voyages and Travels, -	-	-	841
Science and Art, -	-	-	760

The greatest number, in any month, was given out
in March, being - - - - - 2,105

The greatest number, in any single day, was given
out March 10, being - - - - - 171

The whole number of shares used, - - - 554

The whole number of shares at the beginning of
the year, - - - - - 598

Seven new shares have been sold during the year, making the present number of shares 605. The price of shares in the Athenæum has not been changed in thirty years, though their value has been increased by many hundred *per cent*. They may be issued without limitation as to their number, and when we reflect that their original cost is but fifteen dollars, subject to an annual tax not exceeding five dollars, we may well wonder that they are not found in every family in which intellectual culture is appreciated, or the practice of reading is a domestic institution. There is no other mode in which access to so much knowledge and to such varied resources of intellectual gratification and improvement can be obtained at so cheap a rate. Indeed, there is no correspondence between the benefit which is secured and the price which is paid for it. The one is very great and enduring; the other is, relatively, very insignificant. How many pay vastly more for that which yields no return either of intellectual or even material good!

The library has been thoroughly examined by members of the Board, and the books generally are found to be in good condition. They regret to be obliged to report that thirty volumes are missing from their places on the shelves, without being charged in the journal of the Librarian. Some of these will probably be found, but others have undoubt-

edly been wantonly purloined. It is true, they are not books of much value, but it is not pleasant to think that any of the property of the Athenæum, however unimportant, has been subject to depredation.

From the Report of the Treasurer, it will appear that the receipts and expenditures, for the year, are as follows:

There has been received—

From seven new shares sold, -	\$105 00
From assessment on 596 shares,	2,980 00
From invested funds, - - -	1,422 08
From fines collected, books sold and shares sold for taxes, - . -	76 87
Balance of last year's account, -	687 69

\$5,271 59

There has been expended, on account of the library, as follows:

For books, - - - -	\$1,388 83
For periodicals, - - -	370 78
For binding, - - - -	183 71

\$1,943 32

The other expenditures are—

For salaries, - - - -	\$1,920 00
For repairs, - - - -	135 19
For fuel, gas, insurance, stationery, care of premises and sundries, -	725 96

Total of expenditures, - - - \$4,724 47

At the regular monthly meeting in March last, the

Directors received the following communication, through their President, to whom it was officially addressed :

PROVIDENCE, March 5, 1866.

WILLIAM S. PATTEN, Esq., President of the Providence Athenæum:—

Dear Sir,—The late Capt. Thomas Poynton Ives, of Warwick, bequeathed by his last will, unto the Providence Athenæum, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid by his Executors within two years after his decease, and free from stamp or other government tax or duty.

We beg that you will acquaint the Board of Directors and the Corporation with this evidence of the interest which was felt by the testator in the permanent welfare of the Athenæum—an interest which he inherited from his honored father, and which was strengthened by his own appreciation of the high objects of such an institution, and of its value to the community in which it is established.

We shall be prepared to pay this legacy to the Treasurer, or to any other officer to be designated by the Board of Directors, on the 31st day of this month.

We are, Dear Sir, your obedient servants,

W. GODDARD,

MOSES B. I. GODDARD,

Executors of the last will of Thomas Poynton Ives, of Warwick.

Upon the receipt of this communication, the Treasurer was authorized to receive from the Executors, in behalf of the Athenæum, the bequest, when it should become payable, and the President and Rev. Dr. Caldwell were appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the sentiments with which the Directors learned that so large an accession had been made to the resources of the institution, by the will of one of their fellow-citizens who had been cut off in the prime of his manhood. The payment was promptly made at the time specified, and the amount was invested under the direction of the Board, in the Registered six-per-cent Bonds of the United States of 1881.

At the meeting held April 2d, the following resolution,

presented by the committee appointed for the purpose, was unanimously adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the Directors of the Providence Athenæum cannot receive the bequest of the late Thomas Poynton Ives without placing upon their Records, and communicating to his Executors and his family, their grateful appreciation of his regard for this Institution, and the noble service he has done for it in this timely and generous donation; and with this, also, the sincere sorrow with which they mourn the decease of one of the sons of Providence, whose high and upright character and ability for great usefulness, whose patriotic service and public spirit gave promise of a career most honorable to himself and his family, and of great public advantage, which has now come to a premature close.

Captain Ives died at Havre, France, November 17, 1865, in the thirty-second year of his age. His will was executed in the preceding April, just as he was about to leave the United States, in the hope of regaining, by foreign travel, the health he had lost in protracted military and naval service during the civil war. He was already identified, not only with the commercial interests, but with the public charities of this community, and for their promotion he had been a liberal contributor. He had also freely given the strength of his early manhood, and, as the event has sadly proved, the treasured energies of his life to the service of his country in her days of trial; but such was his conception of the true uses of wealth and of the duties of a citizen, that he did not think of leaving the world without making munificent provision for several of the philanthropic institutions of his native city and State. To the Rhode Island Hospital, whose origin is to be traced to the large forethought of his father, he bequeathed \$50,000; to the Providence Athenæum, with whose founding his family name is also honorably identified, \$10,000, and to the Providence Dispensary, \$5,000,—thus

leaving to his own and to other times an example of munificence rarely equalled in a career brought to so early a close.

The permanent fund of the Institution was stated, in the last Annual Report, to be \$11,500. At the annual meeting of the corporation in 1864, it was voted: that it is expedient to raise, by subscription, the permanent fund to twenty thousand dollars.

It was also voted: that the Board of Directors be instructed to adopt measures to carry this resolution into effect.

A committee was immediately appointed for this purpose, and by their agency the fund has been raised to somewhat upwards of \$15,000, and it is confidently hoped that they will be able to obtain the additional sum required to increase it to \$20,000. When this is accomplished, the permanent fund of the Athenæum, with the bequest of \$10,000 super-added, will amount to \$30,000.

The Athenæum has, from the beginning, made a steady progress which has proved to be more rapid than was anticipated by its founders and early friends. It has, for several years, occupied the whole of the building of which only a part was at first thought to be sufficient for its accommodation. It has gradually rid itself of incumbrances which might have interfered with its prosperity. Its alcoves are no longer frequented by the frivolous, nor is its quiet disturbed by conversation, or its books often defaced by carelessness or wanton injury. Its halls have been adorned with works of art, the gifts of liberal and thoughtful friends, and its reading-room has been made attractive by the varied periodical literature of the time. And more than all, a per-

manent fund, for its ever-growing usefulness, has been established by the contributions of its benefactors,—both the honored living and the lamented dead. At this advanced stage of its progress, and with its present enlarged means, the annual increase of the library is likely to be greater than it has hitherto been.

In anticipation of a fact like this, it has become important that further provision be speedily made for the reception and judicious arrangement of the books. Indeed, the want of shelf-room is even now a source of embarrassment in the administration of the library. The Librarian, in his annual statement to the Directors, invites their special attention to the subject. He says, that “works in the different departments of literature have heretofore been, and should still be, kept together; but the space allotted to many departments is full, and now works on the same subject and, in some cases, different volumes of the same work have to be placed at a distance from one another, to the great inconvenience of those wishing to consult them. The evil has been, as far as possible, remedied by the removal of volumes from one part of the library to another, wherever a vacant space could be found; but this necessitates the continual alteration of shelf catalogues and finding catalogues, which is attended with many inconveniences. This evil may be alleviated, for a year or two, by the erection of temporary shelves; but the time is near at hand when some radical change must be effected in the present building, or a new one erected better adapted to the wants of the Athenæum.”

The embarrassment thus adverted to by the Librarian is undoubtedly a real one, and it must continue to be felt in the administration of the library more and more through every month until it is removed. A glance at the interior

arrangements of the building is sufficient to show that they very imperfectly develop its real capacities. One third at least of its available space for the reception of books yet remains to be used without any change in its dimensions. Its present alcoves and shelves and the present mode of lighting its rooms, were all prepared in the earliest infancy of the institution, when, as has been already intimated, its ultimate destinies were but imperfectly apprehended. Thirty years have also wrought great changes in the architectural structure and internal economy of library buildings, and it is not surprising that what was at first appropriate, should now prove to be wholly inadequate to its fuller growth and become even a very uneconomical disposition of the space designed for the reception of books. This obvious want has been alluded to in former Reports, but no plan for meeting it has been matured or even deliberately considered by any of the successive Boards of Directors. It will undoubtedly first of all require the action of the proprietors, as by them alone can the requisite outlay be sanctioned and the responsibility of so considerable a change be assumed. The matter, however, cannot be long delayed and the time which will be occupied in determining what change shall be made and then in carrying that change into execution, should admonish the proprietors of the desirableness of some speedy action upon a question of so great importance and of such pressing necessity.

We have thus recited the events of the year and indicated to the proprietors what our experience has proved to be the most immediate wants of the Athenæum. It becomes us all to anticipate only a great future for the library. The expense which it involves is so slight that it

is substantially free to all who really desire to use it. In a community in which knowledge is becoming more and more important to the life of the people, it is certain that the only public library must soon have something more to do than to circulate books so largely for mere entertainment. It must maintain a paramount and intimate connection with all our highest interests and occupations. The day cannot be distant when it will be expected to be a depository of every kind of knowledge—a place where any investigation may be pursued and any enquiry may be answered. Thus far, like most of our American libraries, it has been a library for circulation only. It must, however, sooner or later come to be a library for consultation also. In many of the cities of Europe, this is the principal and often the exclusive use that is made of the great collections of books. Nor is this use limited to scholars and men of science. In many of these famous depositories of all that has been printed respecting every art and every science, one may see almost any day, the humblest and the highest pursuing their enquiries side by side. Indeed, unless a library be thus used, a large proportion of its books are never called for at all, and the mass of those who might be benefitted by it remain comparatively ignorant of its real treasures. Several of our larger American libraries are now beginning to be considerably frequented for consultation and reading. The number of volumes thus used in the Boston Public Library in the year 1865, amounted to 13,095, exclusive of the periodicals on the tables of the Reading room. This practice will undoubtedly become more common in all our libraries as they gather into their alcoves works in science, literature and art, specially designed to be consulted and studied in the place where they are kept. The

Athenæum, with its increasing resources of usefulness, must invite every real improvement. Alike in the books which it purchases and in the accommodations which it affords for using them, it must constantly have for its aim the true education of the community, the gathering here of all that men may desire to know, both for the wise conduct of individual life and for promoting the well-being of society.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATTEN,

President.

September 24, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury September 25, 1865.....\$687 69

RECEIPTS.

For 7 shares sold at \$15..	\$ 105 00
Tax assessed Sept. 25, 1865, collected on 506 shares.....	2,980 00
For three shares sold for taxes, nett amount.....	19 75
Dividends and Interest on invested Funds, including premium on coin.....	1,422 03
For books sold.....	8 69
For Fines collected.....	48 43
	<u>4,583 90</u>
For Bequest by Will of Capt. Thomas Poynton Ives.....	10,000 00
	<u>\$15,271 59</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books	\$1,388 83
For periodicals ..	370 78
For binding books, &c.....	183 71
For salaries.....	1,920 00
For fuel.....	211 00
For gas	65 86
For insurance	56 00
For collecting assessments	113 80
For blank books, forms and stationery.....	54 80
For express, postage and stamps	28 89
For advertising and printing	140 96
For repairs.....	135 19
For investment \$10,000 in U. S. Bonds, at 105 15-32 per cent.....	10,546 88
For sundries	54 65
	<u>\$15,271 35</u>
Balance in treasury this day.....	24
	<u>\$15,271 59</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—

74 shares stock in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value	\$1,850 00
63 shares stock in the American National Bank, par value.....	3,150 00
4 United States Bonds, par value	16,500 00

Making a permanent fund of.....\$21,500 00

The number of shares insured September 25, 1865, was.....598

The number issued the past year is.....7 •

Making in all

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, September 24, 1866.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1866.

	Share No.		Share No.
Abbott Eliza O.	598	Bailey William M.	165
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Adams Seth Jr.*	14	Balch John R.	339
Adie Alexander F.	517	Balch Joseph	205
Akerman Charles	350	Balch Joseph P.	419
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Allen Charles B.	50	Barker Frederic A.	520
Allen Crawford	6	Barstow Amos C. 2 shares,	97, 369
Allen Philip*	9	Barstow John*	310
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Zachariah	8	Barton T. A.	229
Ames Samuel*	171	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Beckwith Truman	19
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Angell Edwin G.	133	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Angell James B.	184	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Angell John W.	287	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Anthony Henry	44	Binney William	558
Anthony Henry B.	414	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Blake Joseph M.	580
Applin Charles	453	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Appleton John H.	120	Blodget William P.	387
Armington Asa W.	289	Boon Charles E.	267
Armington James H.	331	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Armington Mathew W.	83	Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Arnold Charles	106	Bowen Henry	198
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Bowen Henry L*	312
Arnold George C.	103	Bowen Tully D.	130
Arnold John N.	223	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Richard J.	40	Bradford S. S.	65
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Broadway Methodist Epils. Church	484
Arnold Welcome	142	Brown Edward W.	532
Ashley Lucius C	162	Brown Henry T.	510
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Isaac	245

*Deceased.

Brown John Carter	77	Clifford Marian*	47
Brown Joseph R.	480	Coggeshall James H.	450
Brown Moses*	1	Collins George L.	526
Brown Nicholas*	547	Collins James C.	460
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Congdon George W.	257
Brown Thomas	212	Congdon Gilbert	72
Brown William*	324	Congdon Henry R.	514
Brown William Waterman	219	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Brown William Whipple	466	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Brown Zephaniah	356	Cook Joseph J.	565
Browne George H.	585	Cooke Edward	570
Brownell Francis S.	160	Corliss George H.	360
Bucklin James C.	573	Cornett Henry T.	564
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Cory Thomas M.*	153
Bucklin Thomas P.	601	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Buel Rufus F.*	573	Cowing Ward, children	391
Buffum Benjamin	52	Cranston Henry C.	548
Bullock Julia	502	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Cross James M.	561
Bullock William P.*	144	Cushing Samuel B.	359
Burges Walter S.	78		
Burgess Frederick	76	Daggett John	455
Burrington William B.	109	Daily Charlotte F.	209
Burrough Joseph	388	Danielson George W.	152
Burrough Martha H.	367	Darling Levi B.	572
Bush Edwin A.	390	Dart William H.*	128
Bush Patience M.	206	Davenport Samuel C.	470
Bush Richard W.	91	Davis John W.	217
Butler Cyrus*	7	Davis Thomas	173
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Day Daniel	59
Butts Frank	397	Day Israel H.	203
Butts George W.	597	Dearth William G.	117
		DeMunn Sarah	447
Cady Shubal H.	536	Dennis Samuel C.	379
Calder Albert L.	274	DeWitt Henry A.	469
Calder Samuel C.	579	Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Dexter Samuel*	95
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dexter Samuel F.*	554
Carpenter Thomas	592	Dike Arba B.	483
Carpenter Sturgis P.	79	Dorr Sullivan	360
Carpenter Tisdale	239	Dorrance Amy G.	416
Caswell Alexis	270	Dorrance James R.	395
Central Captist Society	307	Dorrance Tully	244
Central Congregational Society	49	Dorrance William T.	92
Chace Alexander B.	42	Doyle Thomas A.	305
Chace Elizabeth (Valleys Falls)	149	Drown William H.	338
Chace George I.	224	Duncan Alexander	12
Chace Lewis J.	527	Duncan David	261
Chace William M.*	176	Dunn Robinson P.	393
Chaffee Mary E.	555	Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336
Chaffin Lucian G.	464	Dunnell Mary	235
Channing William F.	105	Dunnell Thomas L.	304
Chapin Amory*	94	Dunwell James P.	412
Chapin George W.	337	Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273
Chapin John F.	596	Dyer Benjamin*	131
Chapin Joshua B.	423	Dyer Elisha	159
Chapman Rhodes B.	406	Dyer John	21
Child Lewis P.	345	Dyer John F.	259
Childs Charles H.*	208	Dyer Mary A.	302
Childs Charles T.	578		
Claffin George L.	482	Eames Jane A.	487
Clark Thomas M.	411	Eames Laura C.	107
Clarke Benjamin F.	403	Earle Amey Ann	370
Clarke James M.	501	Earle William	474
Clarke John H.	13	Eddy John H.	311
Cleveland Almira A.	329	Ely James W. C.	545

Farnsworth Claudius B.	569	Harris David S.	119
Farnum Alexander	228	Harris Joseph M.	80
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Providence (R.I.) Athenæum.

REPORT

MADE TO THE

(R.I.)
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

AT THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 24, 1867.



CIRCULAR.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,
AND TO THE FRIENDS OF A CHOICE AND VALUABLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Providence Athenæum request your special attention to the report made at their thirty-second Annual Meeting ; and especially to two subjects briefly stated in it.

1st. To the enlargement of the Library accommodations.

As the necessity of enlarging and altering the interior of the principal story has long been admitted, the plan for that purpose, described on pages 12th and 13th of this Report has been adopted. It is highly ornamental to the principal Library apartment, and will supply ample room and convenient arrangements for more than twice the present number of volumes, (30,000,) and for which the accommodations are, and for a long time have been, insufficient.

The cost of the improvements will be seven thousand dollars, about half of which amount has been subscribed by liberal friends. The Athenæum, therefore, urge upon the stockholders and all others in this community who are able and disposed to promote refined intellectual and moral improvement, to aid, by their voluntary contributions, in raising the balance required to make this necessary improvement.

Stephen H. Arnold, Esq., the Treasurer, or either of the members of the Subscription Committee, (whose names are stated on page 12 of the Report,) will be happy to add new names and amounts to those already subscribed.

2d. TO AN INCREASE OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The Athenæum, now thirty-two years old, has only 613 shareholders. The original price of a share was fifteen dollars,

and has never been increased. The annual tax is voted annually by the stockholders. It has never been over its present amount of five dollars.

Any person can become a Stockholder by buying a share at the Athenæum. No vote of admission is required, and each shareholder has all the rights and privileges of every other.

The invested funds are now about 25,000 dollars, which make the present number of shares amount to about 40 dollars each. Adding to the invested funds the value of the Library of 30,000 volumes, of paintings and other works of art,

say	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$60,000
and of the Real Estate, &c. &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000

all not less probably then - - - \$135,000 will make the property value of a fifteen dollar share about 220 dollars, besides the use for each shareholder and his family, of an admirable library, yearly increasing in all its advantages, and provided with all the facilities for its enjoyment required by the refined and cultivated.

Would it be believed, if facts did not prove it, that the advantages of such an Institution, in the rich and intelligent city of Providence, would be so neglected by its citizens!

We invite all who read this Notice and Report to become members of the Athenæum, and by their influence to add thousands to its numbers, to increase its popularity, to enjoy its benefits, and perpetuate them for their posterity.

WM. S. PATTEN,

PRESIDENT.

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THIRTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

(R. F.)

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM

TO THE PROPRIETORS:

SUBMITTED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1867.

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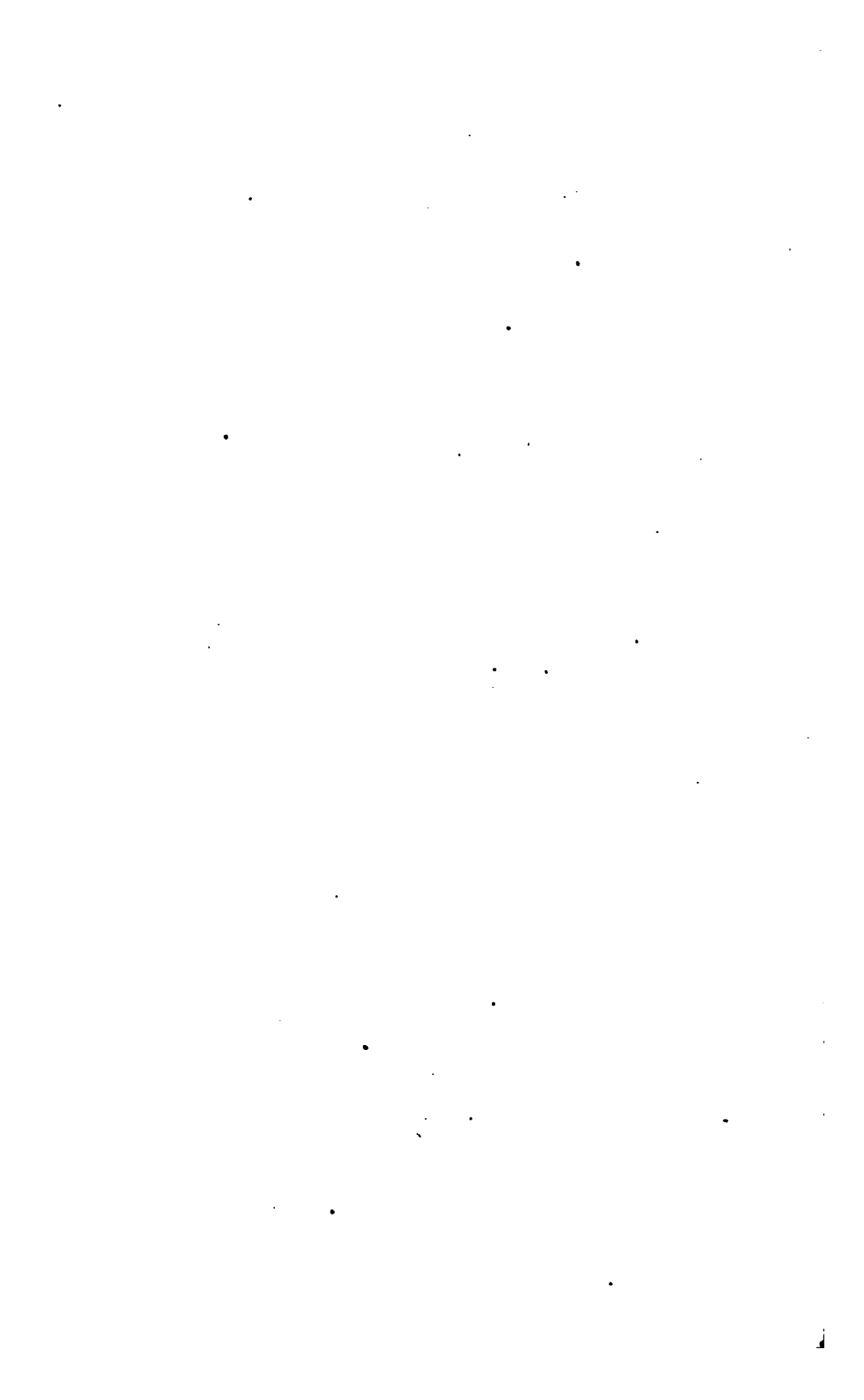
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R E P O R T.

A twelvemonth has passed since the Directors of the Providence Athenæum presented their last Annual Report to the shareholders, and it again becomes their duty to render an account of the general concerns of the Institution confided to their care.

And it is fitting, first of all, that mention should be made of the great loss which the Board has so recently suffered in the removal of one of its members by death. Twice before in the history of the Athenæum, earnest laborers in its behalf have been summoned away, and once again one has been taken whose time and thoughts were cheerfully devoted to its welfare, one who had its best interests deeply at heart. On the 28th day of August last, Professor Robinson P. Dunn died, after a short illness, at his father's house in Newport, while on a visit at the close of the summer vacation. By his decease a place in the Board has become vacant that cannot be filled, and the community has suffered a loss that cannot be measured.

At the meeting of the Board on Sept 2d the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the sudden and lamented death of Professor Robinson P. Dunn, this Board has lost one of its ablest and most useful members—one whose thorough literary culture and whose extensive knowledge of books gave rare value to his opinions, and made his decision in almost any case a safe rule of action.

Resolved, That in this afflictive dispensation, an eminent christian scholar, an accomplished teacher, and an ever instructive friend and companion of graceful and winning manners has been taken from us; but we find consolation in this, that the light of his fervent piety, and his true devotion to every good word and work will long shine upon us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the bereaved family.

At the first regular meeting of the Directors after the adjourned Annual Meeting of proprietors, William S. Patten was re-elected President, and Alexis Caswell, Vice-President, for the ensuing year, and the organization of the Board was completed by the appointment of the usual Standing Committees. Our former officers, J. Dunham Hedge, Librarian, and Frederick H. Hedge, Jr., Assistant Librarian, were also re-elected at the respective salaries of fourteen hundred and seven hundred dollars per annum, to the same positions in the Library which they have long filled so much to the satisfaction of all who require their services.

It will be seen, according to the annual statement of the Librarian, that 972 volumes, and 108 pamphlets have been added to the Library during the past year. Of the volumes, 703 were obtained by purchase, 145 by donation, and 124 by the binding of periodicals. By classification, 25 of the volumes added are folios, 55 quartos, 533 octavos, and 359 duodecimos and smaller. Forty-seven of the pamphlets were obtained by purchase, and 61 by donation. By the showing of the last Annual Report, the whole number of volumes belonging to the Library was

	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,035
Added this year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	972

Present number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,007
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But very few books have been imported to order this year, the most important of which is the Glossarium of Du Cange, in seven volumes, quarto, Paris 1840-1850, at a cost of \$69.90.

Under the prevailing high rates of exchange, it has been considered expedient to purchase most of the books added at home, and to rely on American reprints for such English works as were considered desirable. Advantage has also been taken of the sale of some valuable libraries in Boston, to secure important standard works which were needed on the shelves. The average cost is \$1.90 per volume of the whole number of books purchased, which is 35cents per volume below the cost of last year.

The four following named periodicals have been added to the large number heretofore on our list:

The Baptist Quarterly, Philadelphia, 8vo, published quarterly.

The Journal of Speculative Philosophy, St. Louis, 8vo, published quarterly.

The Riverside Magazine, New York, 8vo published monthly.

Saturday Review, London, folio, published weekly.

The Directors have the pleasure of gratefully acknowledging donations of volumes and pamphlets, which have been received from the persons and institutions whose names appear in the following record:

Henry B. Anthony,	James Orchard Halliwell, London,
A. D. Bache, U. S. Coast Survey,	F. H. Hedge, jr.,
J. G. Barnard, Washington, D. C.,	James M. Hoppin, New Haven,
Henry T. Beckwith,	Edward C. Mauran,
Samuel W. Brown,	Robert Hitchcock Paine,
Alexis Caswell,	Wm. Stevens Perry,
Thomas A. Doyle,	John L. Sibley, Cambridge, Mass.,
Richard B. Duane,	Edwin M. Snow,
Walter E. Gardiner, Washington, D. C.,	Royal C. Taft,
James S. Gorton,	Daniel W. Vaughan,
Albert G. Greene,	Augustus Woodbury,
Geo. Washington Greene, East Greenwich,	American Antiquarian Society,
	American Missionary Society,

American Peace Society,	Minnesota Historical Society,
Chicago Historical Society,	Peabody Institute, of South Danvers,
Department of State of the United States,	Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry,
Detroit Young Men's Society,	Smithsonian Institution,
Free Public Library of New Bedford,	State of Rhode Island,
Free Public Library of Worcester,	Trustees of Butler Hospital,
Hartford Young Men's Institute,	Trustees of the Hospital for Insane at Jacksonville, Ill.,
Library Company of Philadelphia,	United States Congressional Library,
Long Island Historical Society,	United States Treasury Department,
Mercantile Library Association, of the city of Boston,	Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement at Albany, N. Y.,
Mercantile Library Association of the city of New York,	Young Men's Mercantile Library Association at Buffalo, N. Y.,
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco,	Young Men's Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati, Ohio,
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia,	Wilmington Institute.

The number of works presented is somewhat larger than usual, and among them is a valuable illustrated work on Architecture—"L'Architecture privée au XIX Siècle sous Napoleon III.," par César Daly, in three volumes folio, the gift of Crawford Allen, Esq. To our Representative in Congress, Hon. Thomas A. Jenckes, we are also indebted for valuable Congressional Documents. It is impossible to leave unrecorded in this connection, our especial obligation for the large and frequent donations of choice books which our excellent Librarian, J. Dunham Hedge, Esq., takes pleasure in bestowing on the Athenæum from the shelves of his own private library. Some of the best additions of the year are among his recent gifts.

Our small but not unimportant collection of works of art has been enriched by the addition of a large photograph, framed and glazed, of Guido Reni's celebrated fresco painting in the Palazzo Rospigliosi, at Rome, the gift of Mrs. George Richmond.

There has been an increase in the circulation over last year, of 848 volumes, and it is to be regretted that they indicate so large an increase in the demand for works in the lighter department of literature, which seems to foster the taste it gratifies, and never to cease its fascinations. How much of the feverish craving for excitement, and instability of character, that are such alarming features of the present time, may be directly traceable to the prevailing taste in reading, is an interesting question, though scarcely in place in a business document; but the pernicious influence of books whose worst tendency is only to dissipate thought can hardly be ignored, and the importance of encouraging tastes which find their gratification in higher sources, cannot fail to be recognized. Changes in politics, the drift of public sentiment, strong social and moral tendencies have been closely reflected in our circulation, and the marked increase in the distribution of books of travel is not surprising when we consider how many who frequent these alcoves are going abroad, to receive so much greater benefit and so much more genuine enjoyment through their wise preparation at home in the perusal of works of substantial worth.

It may not here be inappropriate to suggest the feasibility of establishing some method in the future increase of the library, by which a regular increase may be secured in the supply of works of reference—works which give character and strength to the institution—which will attract the student and the scholar, and which, though seldom taken from the shelves, nevertheless afford “materials for our richest and noblest instruction.”

Total number of books given out	-	-	-	20,409
Works of Fiction	-	-	-	11,423
Biography and History	-	-	-	2,806
Poetry and Belles Lettres	-	-	-	1,605

Voyages and Travels	-	-	-	1,075
Religion and Philosophy	-	-	-	1,059
Periodicals	-	-	-	932
Miscellaneous Literature	-	-	-	795
Science and Art	-	-	-	714

The largest number given out in any one month was
in March, being - - - - - 2,129

The largest number given out on any single day was
on February 23d, being - - - - - 188

The whole number of shares used was • - 577

The whole number of shares at the beginning of the
year was 605.

Eight new shares have been sold during the year, one more than the number sold in 1866, and this fact, taken in connection with the increase in the number of shares used during the year, apparently denotes a growing appreciation of the privileges which the Athenæum affords.

The number of shares at present is 613.

The examination of the library by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian, as directed by the Board, shows that the books generally are in good condition, while the number of volumes surreptitiously taken from the shelves is considerably less than the number lost in the same manner last year. Only ten volumes are thus missing, most of which are works of trifling value. One instance of vandalism, almost warranting the offer of a reward for the detection of the offender, is too gross to be overlooked. A volume of Edwards' Polish Captivity, a nicely illustrated historical work, was removed from the shelves by stealth, and as stealthily returned, but not until it had been robbed of its plates. Such mischievous practices merit the severest condemnation, and are, moreover, suggestive of additional restrictions in the use of the alcoves.

The Report of the Treasurer will show that there has been received—

From eight new shares sold	-	-	\$ 120.00
“ Assessment on 591 shares	-	-	2,955.00
“ Interest on invested funds	-	-	1,827.92
“ Fines collected, shares sold for non-payment of tax, & sundries			181.30
“ Balance in Treasury last year	-	-	.24
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			\$5,084.46

The expenditures for account of the library have been as follows :—

For books	-	-	-	\$1,423.63
“ periodicals	-	-	-	418.64
“ binding	-	-	-	212.18
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				\$2,054.45

The other expenditures have been—

For salaries	-	-	-	\$2,145.00
“ advertising and printing	-	-	-	141.25
“ repairs	-	-	-	185.04
“ fuel, gas, insurance, stationery, express, postage, and sundries				483.05
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				\$5,008.79

It is a gratification to the Directors to be able to report that the collection of subscriptions for the permanent fund, by the Committee appointed to receive and invest them, has been steadily progressing. Even during the late period of unusual depression in all branches of industry, cheerful and bountiful givers, some of whose names are inseparably linked with the whole history of the Athenæum, and honorably identified

with every step of its progress, have been found ready to respond with customary liberality to these appeals for material sympathy and aid. Three thousand dollars have been invested in United States' 5-20 bonds of the new issue of 1867, bearing six per cent. interest; and before another summer has passed, the Directors hope to report the completed sum, with a full list of the donors.

The importance of a thorough change in the interior arrangements of the building, by which increased accommodation shall be provided for the rapid increase of the library—no longer a question of convenience or expediency, but an imperative necessity—has this year been more fully discussed, and plans by which it can be accomplished have been more fully matured than at any previous time. At the last annual meeting the Directors were instructed to procure “plans for the re-arrangement of the library shelves, with estimates of the expense, to be presented at a special meeting of the Proprietors.” This meeting was held on Monday evening, February 25th, and a vote was passed approving the “plans of altering the interior of the Athenæum to increase its capabilities as a library, drawn by James C. Bucklin, and presented to the meeting by the Board of Directors.” The plans were then “referred to the Board of Directors, to be carried into effect, with such modifications and additions as should be found desirable, not materially adding to the cost.” It was also voted that the funds necessary for making the proposed alterations should be raised by subscription, and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Alexis Caswell, Seth Padelford, Moses B. Lockwood, Henry T. Cornett and William B. Weeden, was appointed for that purpose, and authorized to raise “Seven thousand dollars, to be applied to the costs.” At the subsequent monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, partial reports of progress made and difficulties

encountered have been rendered, but the material results in the improvement of the building for library purposes have not yet been attained.

The plans submitted by Mr. Bucklin, and approved by the Proprietors, are admirably adapted to the desired purpose, and require no lengthy commendation. When completed, the upper part of the building will form one room, lighted partly from above, with light book-cases reaching from floor to ceiling, and rendered accessible by a gallery extending entirely around the room. By this arrangement, and the removal of the present shelving to the lower rooms, space can be supplied for sixty or seventy thousand volumes, and the large expenditure necessary for the erection of a new building can thus be postponed for several years. Already it has been found absolutely necessary to resort to the use of temporary cases, four of which have been procured and placed in the most crowded alcoves. These, however, can afford but a temporary relief, even by increasing their number, and it is much to be desired that prompt and vigorous measures on the part of the Proprietors should be taken to obviate this necessity. Nearly one half the required amount has already been pledged, and with the attainment so nearly in our grasp, it surely shall not be said that to those who have always enjoyed its benefits, and grown up to manhood in the shadow of its walls, an appeal to extend and multiply its blessings shall have been made in vain.

And now, in closing this simple record of the year, the Board of Directors surrender their trust to the Proprietors, from whom it has been received. It is a monotonous and uneventful history, showing year by year the same detail of daily routine and daily expenditure, allowing no play of imagination and fancy, and admitting of no variety of light and

shadow ; yet it is eminently suggestive when considered in its relation with the agencies within these walls, which, wisely guarded and employed, are capable of so much in the development of mind, in the formation of character, in the stimulation of thought, in the fostering and culture of mental resources, that no reverses of fortune can take away.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PATTEN,

Sept. 23, 1867.

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, Sept. 24, 1866.....\$0.24

RECEIPTS.

For eight shares sold, at \$15.....	\$120.00	
For tax assessed Sept. 24, 1866, collected on 591 shares.....	2,955.00	
For seven shares sold for taxes.....	40.00	
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin.....	1,827.92	
Unexpended balance remitted last year for purchase of English books.....	87.94	
For books sold.....	5.80	
For fines collected.....	47.56	
Amount of subscriptions collected for increase of the permanent fund.....	3,825.00	
		<u>8,369.22</u>
		<u>\$8,369.46</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	1,423.63
For periodicals.....	418.64
For binding books.....	212.18
For salaries.....	2,145.00
For Fuel.....	192.75
For gas.....	67.20
For insurance.....	115.00
For stationery.....	7.75
For express, postage and stamps.....	36.48
For advertising and printing.....	141.25
For repairs.....	89.91
For building temporary shelves.....	95.13
For investment in U. S. Bonds, 5-20 @108½.....	3,243.75
For sundries.....	63.87
	<u>\$8,252.54</u>
Balance this day deposited in the Manufacturers National Bank.....	116.92
	<u>\$8,369.46</u>

The invested funds belonging to the corporation consist of—

74 shares in the Blackstone National Bank, par value.....	\$1,850.00
63 shares in the American National Bank " ".....	3,150.00
7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5-20 " ".....	19,500.00
	<u>\$24,500.00</u>

The number of shares issued Sept. 24, 1866, was.....605

The number issued this year, is.....8

Making a total of.....613

Tax uncollected on seven shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, September 23, 1867.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1867.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Eliza O.	508	Balley William M.	165
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Baker George	226
Adams Seth Jr.*	14	Balch John R.	339
Adie Alexander F.	517	Balch Joseph	205
Akerman Charles	350	Balch Joseph P.	419
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Allen Charles B.	50	Barker Frederic A.	520
Allen Crawford	6	Barstow Amos @. 2 shares	97, 369
Allen Philip*	9	Barstow John*	310
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Bartlett John R.	279
Allen Zachariah	8	Barton T. A.	229
Ames Samuel*	171	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Andrews Betsey, executrix	348	Beckwith Henry T.	289
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Beckwith Truman	19
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Angell Edwin G.	133	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Angell John W.	287	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Anthony Henry	44	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Anthony Henry B.	414	Binney William	558
Anthony Lorenzo D	156	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Appli Charles	453	Blake Joseph M.	580
Appleton John H.	120	Blanding William B.	40
Armington Asa W.	289	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Armington James H.	331	Blodget William F.	387
Armington Mathew W.	83	Boon Charles E.	287
Arnold Charles	106	Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143
Arnold George C.	103	Bowen Henry*	198
Arnold John N.	223	Bowen Henry L.*	312
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Bowen Tully D.	130
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Bradford Joseph	250
Arnold Stephen (s. o.)	34	Bradford S. S.	65
Arnold Stephen H.	556	Bradley Charles S.	303
Arnold Welcome	142	Brastow Billings	31
Arnold William S.	388	Brayton George A. (Warwick)	356
Ashley Lucius C.	162	Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484
Austin Samuel	2	Brown Edward W.	532

* Deceased.

Brown Henry T.	510	Clarke James M.	501
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scriptions for more than the required amount. A contract for the re  rrangement of the shelves, so as to give greatly increased capacity to the library, in accordance with the general plan adopted at the special meeting of the Corporation, has been completed, and the work of making the desired changes has been actually commenced.

The committee to solicit subscriptions were of the opinion that their success was principally owing to the unwearied exertions of Mr. Henry T. Cornett, who refused to be discouraged by the financial troubles which were so generally felt throughout the State, in the year 1867. The successful completion of the subscription proved his faith in the liberality and public spirit of the shareholders of this Institution to be well grounded. The Board, at its meeting, July 20, 1868, passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cornett, for his very efficient services.

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Newport,	Union League Club of New York,
John L. Sibley, Harvard University,	United States War Department,
A. R. Spofford, Library of Congress,	Wilmington Institute,
American Antiquarian Society,	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
American Colonization Society,	sociation of Buffalo,
American Missionary Society,	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
American Peace Society,	sociation of Cincinnati.
Chicago Historical Society,	

The total number of volumes given out during
the year was - - - - - 20,176

Works of Fiction and Juvenile Books,	11,206
Biography and History,	2,649
Poetry and Belles Lettres,	1,554
Religion and Philosophy,	1,077

Periodicals,	1,025
Voyages and Travels,	1,009
Miscellaneous Literature,	866
Arts, Science and Law,	790

The largest number given out in any month was
in March, being 1,991

Largest number issued on any day was December
28, 1867, being 170

The whole number of shares used was 578

The number of shares issued at the beginning of
the year was 618

Nine new shares have been sold during the year,
making the present number 622

The whole number of books missing from the shelves, at
the annual examination of the library, and not entered upon
the Librarian's book, was twelve, none of which are of
special value.

At the last annual meeting, the following vote was passed
by the Corporation:—

*Voted, That the Corporation specially approves of that portion of the
annual report which relates to the character of the works that ought to be
purchased for the library, and that the Board of Directors be requested to
carry the same into effect, and also to report, at a future time, on the con-
dition of the library with reference to the different departments of human
knowledge.*

At their first meeting, in October, the Directors gave their
earnest attention to this resolution, and finally referred it to
the standing committee on the library. Under instructions
from that committee, the Librarian was, for weeks, occupied
in investigating the condition of the library, and, in April,
presented a report embodying the results of his labors. The
Directors now submit that report to the Corporation, as an

appendix to their annual report, and wish to call especial attention to this carefully prepared summary of the condition of the library.

A very general impression has hitherto prevailed, not only among the uninformed and the indifferent, but even among the best and strongest friends of the Institution, that the Athenæum had the character of a circulating library, for the use of readers of works of fiction and of light and amusing literature, rather than that of a general library adapted to the wants of the scholar and the author, and fitted to establish and diffuse accurate learning and true culture among those that come in contact with its treasures. It is a matter of sincere congratulation, that the Librarian's report on the condition of the library conclusively proves the error of this impression, and shows that, except in one or two respects, our library, as far as its numbers allow, can rank with the best in the land. The report contains carefully prepared tables, classifying the books of the library and showing the relative proportions belonging to each class. By a series of comparisons of the ratios thus established with the corresponding ratios in the Boston Public Library, the report proves that our own library possesses a symmetry of design which should cause great praise to be given to those who have, in years past, had the charge of building up the library. It is to be hoped, that as much care may hereafter be used in filling up the outlines and elaborating the details, as has been hitherto exercised in laying out the foundation and erecting the framework of the structure.

The library is most deficient in the Greek and Latin classics, the higher branches of mathematical and physical sciences, and works of modern Continental European litera-

ture. The existence, in our immediate vicinity, of the fine collection of Greek and Roman writers and their best commentators, in the library of Brown University, which is accessible to all who take the pains to ask for admission to it, may, in some degree, excuse the want of attention to this department of our library. The same explanation will probably be given for the poverty of the Athenæum in works relating to the more advanced and profound departments of Mathematical and Physical Science; while the great cost of all imported books which has prevailed for the last few years, is probably the reason why so few recent German, French and Italian works have been placed upon our shelves, except, perhaps, in the form of such translations as have been published in America.

The earnest student of every department of exact knowledge would fall far short of the standard of modern excellence, were he to be deprived of the magnificent scientific works of Germany and France; and every lover of polite literature must acknowledge the deepest obligation to the writers of Continental Europe, however proud he may justly be of the literature of the English language. A culture that should ignore the teachings and amoenities of German, French or Italian classical literature, would be narrow in the extreme, and only less bigoted than that which should despise the glories of modern Continental European literature. It is very much to be regretted that the works of so few foreign contemporaneous writers are to be found on the Athenæum's shelves, in the original. A source of great profit and pleasure to those stockholders familiar with foreign languages, and a strong incentive to the study of those languages, is thus wanting. But it is hoped that, in future years, this want may be supplied; and that, with more am-

ple shelf-room and an increasing fund for the purchase of new books, the Athenæum will be able to fill out these lean places in its organism.

By making a more general classification of the books in the library, based upon the figures given in the Librarian's report, but omitting entirely from the calculation the department of periodicals and society publications—which cannot be accurately classified without immense labor, on account of the diversity of topics embraced in each serial—it appears that thirty-six per cent. of our books is devoted to History, Biography and Travels; thirty-one per cent. to Works of Reference and of a scientific nature (embracing the titles Cyclopædias and Dictionaries, Fine Arts, Useful Arts, Jurisprudence and Political Economy, Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, Mathematical and Physical Science, Natural History, Medical Science and Bibliography); twenty-three per cent. to General Literature; six per cent. to Greek and Latin Classics and Foreign Literature, and four per cent. to Miscellaneous Subjects. In view of these figures, an actual increase of the number of works of reference does not seem to be required, and the spirit of the resolution of the last annual meeting will be fully met, if some means can be devised to increase the use of the works of reference that the Athenæum already owns. But, though the library possesses such a large and just proportion of works of this character, there has as yet no way presented itself to the Directors by which their use can be more generally enforced. The records kept by the Librarian, of the character of the books taken out of the library, does not vary much from those of past years; but it must be remembered that no record is kept of the character of the books consulted in the library, and many books of reference of the most valu-

able nature, are, from their very value, the last books which the Librarian would allow to be taken from the building. The only feasible method to increase the use of this class of books, is to increase the facilities for using them in the building. It is, perhaps, not too much to hope, that, while increasing the capacity of the library for books, some steps may also be taken to increase its capacity for usefulness in the way suggested, so that all lovers of knowledge and of books, all true scholars and earnest thinkers, may be enabled to consult its treasures, and be benefited by its stores of learning.

The whole amount required for the proposed alterations has been subscribed, and before another annual meeting there will probably be ample accommodations in the library building for seventy thousand volumes. With the large permanent fund which the Institution already possesses, devoted to the purchase of books, it will not be many years before its shelves will be filled, and the Athenæum be in possession of a library commensurate to the size and importance of the city of Providence. The great influence for good which such a library must exert, cannot be over estimated, and it should be a constant source of pride and pleasure to the Corporation that they are the owners of such an important means of advancing accurate learning and true culture. But they should not rest satisfied to have this great influence for good confined entirely to themselves. Every proprietor ought to feel it his duty to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the Institution, by inducing his friends and acquaintances to share with him the benefits to be derived from the library by becoming a shareholder in the Athenæum. The price is nominal, and the annual tax is so small, that it can be a burden to

none; while the mere money value of the property of the Institution should be sufficient to attract new shareholders, aside from the intellectual benefit to be derived from the use of the shares. If the annual tax be capitalized at \$85, and the price of the shares, \$15, be added, the present cost of each of the 622 shares would be \$100, equivalent to a total capital stock of \$62,200, while the money value of the 30,000 volumes, of the real estate and of the invested fund of the Institution, must be much more than double that amount. It is therefore no new and uncertain enterprise, just beginning an existence of struggle and experiment, that is seeking for new shareholders. The Athenæum is securely established on the strongest foundation, and has before it a certain future of prosperity and usefulness. But its development may be hastened by increasing the numbers of those interested in its progress, and every new name that is added to its list of shareholders, not only enlarges its pecuniary resources, but also adds to its usefulness by offering new minds to be educated and improved by the silent teachings of its books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 28, 1868.

THE
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
ON THE
CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

By a vote passed by the Library Committee of the Providence Athenæum, in November last, the Librarian was instructed "to examine into and report to this Committee upon the deficiencies which may exist in our library, in various departments of Science and Literature, with lists of titles which, in his judgment, should be procured to supply such deficiencies."

In obedience to the above resolution, the Librarian begs leave to report, that he has examined the library with great care, in order to determine the relative proportion held by each class of books on our shelves. The labor required for this investigation was greater than might be supposed, for, although the books are arranged, as far as possible, on the shelves according to their subjects, yet, owing to want of room, works on the same subject are often placed in different parts of the building, and books of special value are placed in cabinets wherever room can be found for them, without regard to their character.

The classification he has adopted corresponds very nearly with that which has heretofore been used in the distribution of books in the library. It is assumed as being, on the whole, the most convenient, though it must be evident that many of the books placed in one class might, with equal propriety, be placed in another. Silliman's Journal and the Journal of the Franklin Institute, for instance, might as properly be placed among books of Science as of Periodicals.

The following table presents the classification of books in the library, according to subjects:—

Bibliography and Literary History, . . .	296 vols.
Cyclopædias and Dictionaries, . . .	548 "
Poetry and the Drama, . . .	1,344 "
Belles Lettres, . . .	1,712 "
General History and Geography, . . .	841 "
American History and Politics, . . .	1,595 "
Histories of other Countries, . . .	1,845 "
Biography, . . .	2,553 "
Travels, . . .	2,046 "
Periodicals and Society Publications, . . .	5,254 "
Mathematics and the Physical Sciences, . . .	323 "
Medical Science, . . .	267 "
Jurisprudence, Government and Political Economy, . . .	869 "
Theology and Ecclesiastical History, . . .	2,431 "
Moral and Intellectual Science and Education, . . .	683 "
Fine Arts, . . .	885 "
Useful Arts, . . .	601 "
Fiction and Juvenile Books, . . .	2,352 "
Greek and Latin Works and Philology, . . .	255 "
Books in French, German, Italian and other languages, . . .	1,172 "

Natural History, - - - - -	709 vols.
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	861 "
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	29,444 "
Volumes of duplicates not reckoned, -	654 "

Or, arranging the books according to the percentage:—

Periodicals and Society Publications,	about 18 per cent.
Biography, - - - - -	" 8 " "
Theology and Ecclesiastical History,	" 8 " "
Fiction and Juvenile Books, - - -	" 8 " "
Travels, - - - - -	" 7 " "
Special History, not American, - -	" 6 " "
Belles Lettres, - - - - -	" 6 " "
American History and Politics, - -	" 5 " "
Poetry and the Drama, - - - - -	" 5 " "
Books in French, German and other lan-	
guages, - - - - -	" 4 " "
Fine Arts, - - - - -	" 3 " "
Jurisprudence, Government and Politi-	
cal Economy, - - - - -	" 3 " "
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	" 3 " "
General History and Geography, -	" 3 " "
Natural History, - - - - -	" 3 " "
Moral and Intellectual Science and Education,	" 2 " "
Useful Arts, - - - - -	" 2 " "
Cyclopædias and Dictionaries, - -	" 2 " "
Mathematics and the Physical Sciences,	" 1 " "
Bibliography and Literary History,	" 1 " "
Medical Science, - - - - -	" 1 " "
Greek and Latin Books and Philology,	" 1 " "

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On analyzing the above table, the feeling is one of great satisfaction at the result. The collection of books seems admirably adapted to the wants of those who use it. A great many of the libraries of similar institutions are filled with works (valuable in themselves it is true), but which are rarely or never called for. The Boston Public Library—the best, perhaps, in the country—has, according to its last report, only fifty-nine per cent. of its books in the English language. Ours has ninety-five per cent. of English books. It will be seen by the above table that Periodicals and Society Publications are more numerous than any other department of literature, being eighteen per cent. of the whole number. The large number of this class is easily accounted for. About seventy periodicals are taken for the use of the reading-room, and find constant readers. When bound they make a yearly addition of over a hundred volumes to our shelves; and there is no class of books in the library that is more called for, as books of reference; and the latest volumes of the magazines are nearly as much in demand as works of fiction. In the Boston Library this same class is twelve per cent. of the whole number. The next largest class is that of Biography, certainly as useful and instructive as any other class of works, not excepting that of History, and next in favor with the general public to works of fiction.

The department of Theology and Ecclesiastical History is very largely represented, having more books than that of Fiction and Juvenile Literature, though the constant demand for books of the latter department causes their circulation to be greater than that of all the other departments of the library put together.

The departments of Travels, Belles Lettres, Poetry and

the Drama, and History, seem very fairly represented. On account of the different classification used, it is impossible to compare them with the Boston Library. In the class of Jurisprudence, Government and Political Economy, our library is a little fuller than that; of General History and Geography, that has a little more than ours. Of the Fine Arts each has three per cent. Of Cyclopædias and Dictionaries the Boston Library has a little more than one; ours a little less than two per cent. In the department of Useful Arts, both libraries are very deficient. Ours has two, and that one per cent. In the last four classes of the above table,—Mathematics and the Physical Sciences, Bibliography and Literary History, Medical Science, and Greek and Latin Classics and Philology,—the library of the Athenæum is sadly deficient, and far behind that of Boston. These are the departments which need most the fostering care of the Library Committee. It would be a valuable addition to our shelves, to procure the best editions of the Greek and Latin Classics; but not because there is any special demand for them. In fact, the Librarian can hardly recollect having given out a copy of the ancient classics, in the original, during his long connection with the Institution; they are sometimes called for, for consultation. It has been said that there have been more editions of Homer printed than of any other book, with the exception of the Bible. If this is true, it is a little singular that a copy never found its way to our shelves. The committee will notice the extreme deficiency of works in modern European continental literature. The demand for such books is not a great, but a constantly increasing one. We have nothing scarcely of this class of books but the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. The great increase of foreign travel has made many of our shareholders so well

acquainted with the language and literature of France, Italy and Germany, that it is very desirable that they should have the opportunity of indulging their taste for foreign literature.

The Boston Public Library has been selected by your Librarian as a standard of comparison, because it is considered as the best appointed library in the country, and more especially because it is the only one of which he could find accurate statistics with regard to its character. He has appended no lists of deficiencies to be supplied, though he has collected the titles of some books wanted. In a library of only 30,000 volumes, of course the deficiencies must be greater than could be named in any moderate space. He has indicated, as far as possible, those departments of the library which are most in need of the fostering care of the Library Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HEDGE,

Librarian.

PROVIDENCE, April 6, 1868.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 23d, 1867.....\$116.92

R E C E I P T S .

For nine shares, sold at \$15	\$135.00
For tax assessed September 23d, 1867, collected on 604 shares	3,020.00
For tax assessed September 24th, 1866, collected on one share	5.00
For eight shares sold for taxes.....	49.75
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin	2,007.80
For fines collected.....	30.29
	5,247.84
	\$5,364.76

E X P E N D I T U R E S .

For books	739.40
For periodicals.....	435.21
For binding books.....	200.70
For salaries.....	2,430.00
For fuel	190.70
For gas.....	87.75
For insurance	132.29
For stationery.....	37.84
For express, postage and stamps	20.76
For advertising and printing	126.00
For repairs and furniture.....	168.86
For sundries	67.99
	\$4,637.50
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank.....	727.26
	5,364.76

The invested funds belonging to the Corporation consist of—
 74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value \$1,850.00
 63 shares in the American National Bank, par value 3,150.00
 7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5.20s 19,500.00
\$24,500 00

The number of shares issued September 23, 1867, was613
 The number issued this year is 9
 Making in all622

Tax unpaid on seven shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 28th, 1868.



LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 23, 1868.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J. Jr.	349	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Welcome	142
Adams Seth Jr.*	14	Arnold William S.	388
Adie Alexander F.	517	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Akerman Charles	350	Austin Samuel	2
Aldrich Elisha S.	179		
Allen, Charles B.	50	Bailey William M.	165
Allen, Crawford	6	Bailey William M. Jr.	149
Allen Philip*	9	Baker George	226
Allen Philip Jr.	256	Balch John R.	339
Allen Zachariah	8	Balch Joseph	205
Aines Samuel*	171	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Betsey executrix,	348	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Barker Frederic A.	520
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Barstow Amos C.	97
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barstow E. R.	369
Angell John W.	287	Barstow John*	310
Anthony Henry	44	Bartlett John R.	279
Anthony Henry B.	414	Beckwith Amos S.	445
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Aplin Charles	453	Beckwith Truman	19
Appleton John H.	120	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	362
Armington Asa W.	289	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Armington James H.	331	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Armington Mathew W.	83	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Arnold Charles	106	Billings Ethelbert R.	594
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Binney William	558
Arnold George C.	103	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451
Arnold John N.	223	Blake Joseph M.	580
Arnold S. Augustus	584	Blanding William B.	40
Arnold Samuel G.	58	Blodget Samuel C.	110
Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34	Blodget William P.	387

*Deceased.

Boon Charles E.	267	Carpenter Lydia	542
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Borden Jefferson, (Fall River)	143	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Henry*	198	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bowen Henry L.*	312	Central Baptist Society	307
Bowen Tully D.	130	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradford Joseph	250	Chace Alexander B.	42
Bradford S. S.	65	Chace George I.	224
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace Henry R.	344
Brastow Billings	31	Chace Lewis J.	527
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace William M.*	176
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chaffee Mary E.	553
Brown Edward W.	532	Chaffin Lucian G.	464
Brown Henry T.	510	Channing William F.	105
Brown Isaac	245	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown John Carter	77	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Joseph R.	480	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Moses*	1	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown Nicholas*	547	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown Thomas	212	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brown William*	324	Childs Charles T.	578
Brown William Waterman	219	Claffin George L.	482
Brown William Whipple	466	Clark Thomas M.	411
Browne George H.	585	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke James M.	501
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke John H.	13
Bucklin Thomas P.	601	Coggeshall James H	450
Buel Rufus F.*	573	Collins George L.	526
Buffum Benjamin	52	Collins James C.	460
Bullock Julia	502	Congdon George W.	257
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Congdon Gilbert	72
Bullock William P.*	144	Congdon Henry R.	514
Burges Walter S.	78	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Burgess Frederick	76	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Burrington William B.	109	Cook Joseph J.	565
Burrough Martha H.	367	Cook Edward	570
Bush Edwin A.	390	Corliss George H.	360
Bush Patience M.	206	Corliss William	622
Bush Richard W.	91	Cornett Henry	467
Butler Cyrus*	7	Cornett Henry T.	564
Butts David A. (New York)	182	Cowell Benjamin*	326
Butts Frank	397	Cranston Henry C.	548
Butts George W.	597	Crocker Nathan B.*	296
		Cross James M.	561
Cady Shubael H.	536	Cushing Samuel B.	399
Calder Albert L.	274	Cutler Edward H.	153
Caldwell Samuel L.	579		
Carlisle Elizabeth	441	Daggett John	455
Carpenter Earl*	486	Dailey Charlotte F.	209

Dana Newton C.	344	Field William	15
Danielson George W.	152	First Baptist Church	405
Darling Levi B.	572	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Dart William H.*	128	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Davenport Samuel C.	470	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davis Edmund	620	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Davis John W.	217	Fletcher Joseph	368
Davis Thomas	173	Fluhrer William F.	582
Davis William D.	318	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Day Daniel	53	Foster Samuel	576
Day Israel H.	203	Fourth Baptist Church	538
Dearth William G.	117	Frieze Lyman B.	302
DeMunn Sarah	447	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
Dennis Samuel C.	379	Fuller Frederick	560
DeWitt Henry A.	469		
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Gallup Albert S.	503
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Gammell William	286
Dexter Samuel*	95	Gardner Malachi R.	193
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dike Arba B.	483	Gladding Henry G.	280
Diman J. Lewis	194	Glezen Eben K.*	407
Dorr Sullivan	389	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dodge Pickering E.	616	Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Goff Amey S.	499
Dorrance James B.	395	Goodwin Daniel	315
Dorrance William T.	92	Gorham Jabez	45
Downes L. T.	448	Gorham John	427
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Gorton Charles	355
Drown William H.	338	Greene Albert C., cashier	492
Duncan Alexander	12	Greene Albert G.*	332
Duncan David	261	Greene Ardella E.	342
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Greene Cornelia E.	429
Dunnell Mary	235	Greene Edward A.	213
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Richard W.	73
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Rufus	444
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Sarah A.	290
Dyer Benjamin*	131	Greene Warren A.	535
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Welcome A.	358
Dyer John	21	Greene William Albert*	187
Dyer John F.	259	Greene William Albert*	164
		Greene William B. (E. Greenwich)	617
Eames Jane A.	487	Greene William H.	608
Eames Laura C.	107	Greene William R.	167
Earle William	474	Gross Thomas J. A.	374
Eddy John H.	311	Grosvenor William	108
Ely James W. C.	545	Grout Abby R.	29
Farnsworth Claudius B.	589	Haines William S.	102
Farnum Alexander	228	Hale Isaac	382
Field Daniel	26	Hall Edward B.*	263

Hall George R. (Bristol)	284	Hudson Samuel*	241
Hall George W.	496	Humphreys Sarah F.	475
Hall J. Clifton	559	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hallett George W.	37	Hunt George	364
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Huston William R.	618
Ham Charles H.	605	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Ham James S.*	341	Hutchins Sterns	175
Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471	Ives Hope*	404
Hamlin Richard E. (Seekonk)	477	Ives Robert H.	4
Hawlin William E.	178		
Handy Hattie J.	595	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harkness Albert	357	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harkness Thomas	33	Jastram Henry H.	141
Harris Avis L.	457	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harris Cyrus	221	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris David S.	112	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris George J.	151	Jenkins William*	5
Harris Samuel B.	133	Jillson Charles D.	461
Harris Stephen	391	Johnson William S.	329
Harris Thomas	353	Jollie Edward	86
Hart Charles	553	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jones Edward S.	512
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones John D.	472
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hawes Amos B.	207		
Hayes Wingate	93	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hazard George P.	529	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hazard Rowland	615	Kendall Oliver	505
Heap James	439	Kilton Charles H.	172
Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	238	Kilton John B.	148
Hedge J. Dunham	590	Kimball Eliza G.	550
Hidden Henry A.	137	King George M. P.	593
Hill Hiram	163	King William J.	571
Hill Paris	134	Kingsbury John	214
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hoard John W.	598	Knight Henry P.	233
Hodges Isaac A.	468	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knowles Edward P.	488
Hoppin George H.	430	Knowles John P.	71
Hoppin Thomas C.*	51	Knowles Joseph	268
Hoppin William W.	283		
Hoskins James B.	294	Lapham Benjamin N.	446
Hoswell Charlotte R.	230	Larchar John*	39
Howard Ezra W.	47	Larned Samuel*	306
Howard William A.	75	Lathrop Henry E.	562
Howland John A.	192	Leach Daniel, 2 shares,	252, 515
Hoyt David W.	581	Lewis Dexter B.	195
		Lincoln John L.	119

Lippitt Christopher	150	Nichols Emeline B.	577
Lippitt Francis J.	604	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lippitt Henry	68	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Nightingale George C.	113
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lonsdale John H.	602	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Noyes George C.	295
Lyman Henry B.	67	Noyes Samuel M.	546
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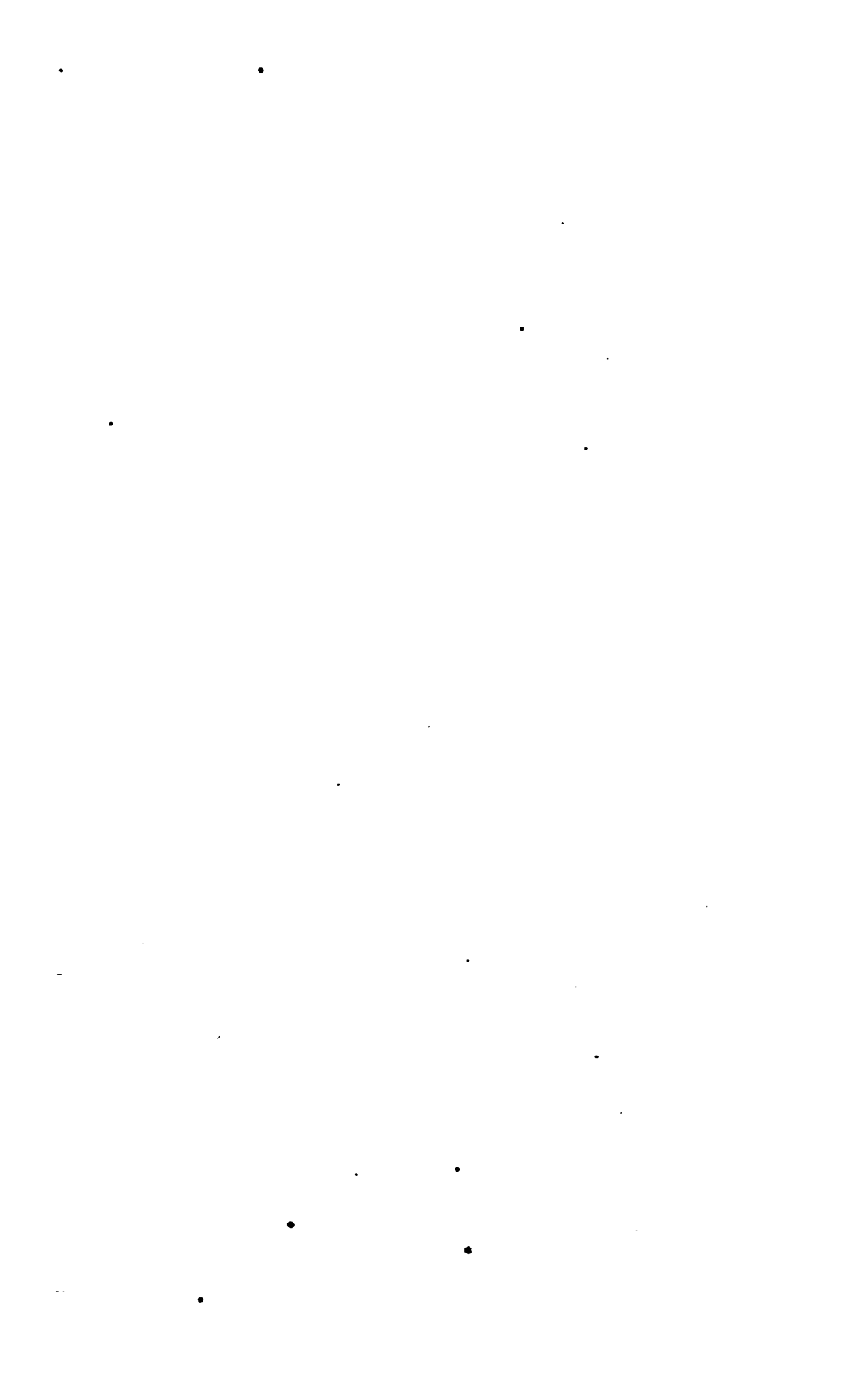
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R E P O R T .

THE Board of Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, present to the Corporation their thirty-fourth Annual Report.

Immediately after the annual meeting of the Corporation, in September, 1868, the organization of the Board was completed by the election of the regular officers, and the choice of the usual committees. The Board of Directors then proceeded to reappoint as Librarian, and Assistant Librarian, Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, and Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., who had filled these offices with so much acceptance. The Directors regret to say that, at a subsequent period, Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr. having accepted a similar position with the Massachusetts Historical Society, this Institution was deprived of his valuable services. In parting with him, the Board of Directors desire to place on record their appreciation of his uniform fidelity and courtesy.

The position thus rendered vacant was immediately filled by the election of Mr. William W. Bailey.

It is the melancholy duty of the Board to announce that one of their number, Tully D. Bowen, Esq., has been removed by death. Mr. Bowen rendered this Institution long and efficient service, especially in his capacity as member of the Committee on Accounts. The great experience and sagacity of Mr. Bowen gave unusual weight to his judgment in all practical concerns.

It will be remembered, that, among the gifts presented to the Athenæum, some years since, by Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., was an elegant malachite table, which never failed to arrest the attention of every visitor. It became subsequently a source of the greatest regret to the Board, that, with every precaution, it was impossible to protect this costly piece of furniture from injury. On being made aware of this, the donor very generously proposed to receive the table back, giving the Athenæum the equivalent of its value in books from his private collection. In recognition, however, of his other valuable donations, the Directors decided, at once, to return the table without conditions. On being informed of this decision, Mr. Billings enclosed his check to the Treasurer for five hundred dollars. At the same time, he added another to the valuable paintings which he had previously presented. The Directors cannot forbear to add, that the cordial interest in the Institution, thus manifested, has a value far beyond the amount of the immediate gift. Such enlarged and active sympathy must always constitute the source of its soundest growth.

The past year deserves, perhaps, to be regarded as the most eventful in the history of the Athenæum, on account of the very important modifications that have been made in its interior arrangements. The reasons which rendered it imperative to undertake these expensive changes have been

already presented to the Corporation ; and the work was, in part, commenced before the last annual meeting. After long and careful deliberation, a plan of alteration, submitted by Mr. James C. Bucklin, was decided on, and the necessary contracts were made on terms securing the completion of the whole work within the amount covered by subscription. The responsible duty of superintending these alterations and improvements was entrusted, by the Board of Directors, to a special committee of their own number, consisting of Messrs. William S. Patten, Alexander Farnum, Henry T. Cornett, Royal C. Taft and Charles A. Nichols. Under the faithful supervision of this committee, the work was prosecuted with all possible speed. The Committee were also greatly aided by the Librarian, who, during the period that his ordinary official duties were suspended, rendered most unremitting and laborious service in other ways. The labor of re arranging a library of thirty thousand volumes can be fairly appreciated only by such as have undertaken it.

The library was closed, for the delivery of books, on the 20th of September, 1868, and was re opened on the 18th of February, 1869, during which interval all the proposed alterations had been completed. It was found that while the workmen were engaged in the upper hall, there was no other way of securing the books from injury than by storing them carefully in the rooms below. It was a source of the utmost satisfaction to discover, after the books had been replaced in the new alcoves, that none were injured, and only two or three, and those of very little value, lost. Such a gratifying result could hardly have been secured had the library been transferred to other quarters and kept open during the period that the alterations were going on. While it was a matter of much regret to the Directors that the shareholders

should have been debarred, for so many weeks, from the enjoyment of privileges which they had learned to estimate so highly, they yet felt assured that no complaint would be made when the nature and extent of the alterations came to be understood. So far as the Board are aware, there was but one expression of opinion when the Athenæum was once more thrown open to its friends; and they have every reason to believe that the subscribers to the fund, without exception, applaud the application that has been made of their contributions.

In taking into consideration the alterations that have been made, the fact should be borne in mind, that the commodious and substantial edifice, now occupied by the Athenæum, was originally planned to accommodate three separate institutions,—the Athenæum, the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Franklin Society. To the Franklin Society was allotted, on certain terms, the entire basement story, which, so far as its internal arrangements were concerned, was constructed under their direction, and, for ten years, occupied by them. The Rhode Island Historical Society were accommodated in the east room of the upper story, and for this purpose a solid partition wall of stone was built, dividing that apartment from the other portions of the building. An independent entrance from College street was also part of the original plan. Although the Historical Society subsequently waived their right to any occupancy of the building, preferring to erect an edifice exclusively for their own collections, the solid partition wall remained as a memorial of the original plan, and as no slight impediment to any modification of the interior arrangements. In the same way, the inconvenient steps, by which the main entrance is still reached, recall the time when the Athenæum was wholly

excluded from the basement. As the Athenæum has gradually come into possession of the entire building, successive attempts have been made to obviate the ill effects of the original disposition of the rooms, but until the recent improvements were undertaken, no comprehensive scheme was ever adopted for securing anything like architectural unity. As the library increased, the books were dispersed in different rooms, and both convenience and elegance were sacrificed. It has been the aim of the Board of Directors, in the changes recently made, to obviate, so far as possible, these defects, and to give to the Athenæum an internal aspect more adequately conformed to the extent and value of its literary treasures. The amount of money at their disposal was not sufficient to enable them to overcome every difficulty, and in each improvement that has been made, they were obliged to keep continually in view a wise economy. With every effort on the part of the Committee appointed to superintend the work, the entire expense was found to exceed by a very small sum the original estimate. It should, however, be said, that this excess arises from the necessity of providing new carpeting and furniture, an expenditure that should not properly be reckoned in the special outlay for alterations. The Report of the Committee on Alterations and Improvements is appended in full.

From the annual report of the Treasurer, it appears that the total receipts of the year, including the balance on hand September 28, 1868, were \$6,399.89. The expenditures, during the same period, amounted to \$4,767.36. Of this sum \$2,450 were for salaries; \$208.04 for binding; \$105.05 for advertising and printing; \$231.84 for repairs and furniture; \$180 for fuel; \$79.96 for insurance, and \$127.44 for station-

ery, postage, gas and sundries. The amount devoted to the direct increase of the library is \$934.89; a sum considerably smaller than last year. This is owing to the fact that, during the time that the library was closed, no new purchases of books were made.

A novel item in the expenditure of the past year is the city tax of \$400.04. This has been paid by the Treasurer under protest. Should it be insisted on, it will form, in the future, a large addition to our annual outlay. It is to be hoped that the City Government, upon consideration, will not depart from the liberal policy which they have pursued for so many years.

The expense of the alterations and improvements has been wholly met by a special subscription for that purpose. The amount subscribed has been very slightly exceeded. A complete statement of the amount subscribed and expended will be found in the Treasurer's report.

From the report of the Librarian it will be seen that, as before stated, the Athenæum was first opened, for the delivery of books, on the 18th of February; and the books called in, for the annual examination, on September 20th; there being only 181 days on which books were given out, and a good portion of that period the dullest season, when many of the shareholders, with their families, were absent from the city. As might be expected under such circumstances, there is a great falling off in the number of books added, as well as of those circulated.

The whole increase of the library, for the year, is four hundred and seventy-five volumes, and one hundred and ninety-six pamphlets. Of the volumes, 303 were added by purchase, 47 by donation, and 125 by the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. The additions consist of

Folios, - - - - -	14
Quartos, - - - - -	25
Octavos, - - - - -	227
Duodecimos and under, - - - - -	209
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The number of volumes in the library, at the rendering of the last annual report, was 30,566. The whole number of volumes in the library at present is, therefore, according to the catalogue, 31,041. From this number must be deducted, of course, those annually lost or worn out. Of the pamphlets, 15 were acquired by purchase, and 181 received from donations. The Hon. Henry B. Anthony and Hon. Thomas A. Jenckes, our Senator and Representative in Congress, have given valuable public documents, the receipt of which is gratefully acknowledged. Crawford Allen, Esq., has laid us under further obligations by the gift of the second series of "*L'Architecture privée au XIX^e Siècle*," par César Daly, the first series having been received from him at a former period. The thanks of the Athenæum are also tendered to the persons and institutions enumerated below for their gifts of volumes and pamphlets:—

Charles Aplin,
D. Appleton & Co.,
Henry Barnard, Commissioner of Education,
A. Bayne, Montreal, C.,
Gustave Bossange, Paris,
Samuel W. Brown, City Clerk,
Thomas H. Canfield, Burlington, Vt.,
Henry A. DeWitt, Agent of A. & W. Sprague Man. Co., Augusta, Me.,
Thomas A. Doyle,
Reuben A. Guild,

William T. Harris, St. Louis,
Frederic H. Hedge, Jr.,
J. D. Hedge,
James M. Hoppin, New Haven,
O. O. Howard, Bureau of Refugees,
George B. Jewett, Salem, Mass.,
Joseph Mauran,
L. Prang & Co.,
Publishers of "The Medical Record,"
New York,
Isaac Ray, Philadelphia,
John H. Rauch, Chicago,

Sabin & Sons, New York,	Trustees of Boston Public Library,
John L. Sibley, Harvard University,	Trustees of the Butler Hospital for the
Edwin M. Snow,	Insane,
A. R. Spofford, Library of Congress,	Trustees of the Free Public Library,
J. N. Thomas,	Worcester,
William H. Townsend,	Trustees of the Manchester Public Li-
Henry Villard, Secretary American	brary,
[Social Science] Association,	Trustees of the Museum of Compara-
Henry F. Walling, Bordentown, N. J.,	tive Zoology, Harvard University,
American Antiquarian Society.	Trustees of the Public Library of Cin-
American Missionary Society.	cinnati,
American Peace Society,	Trustees of the Public Library of
Detroit Young Men's Society,	Taunton,
Hartford Young Men's Society,	United States, Treasury Department,
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of	Wilmington Institute,
Troy, N. Y.	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
Republican National Committee,	sociation of Buffalo,
Rhode Island Society for the Encour-	Young Men's Mercantile Library As-
agement of Domestic Industry,	sociation of Cincinnati.
State of Rhode Island,	

The whole number of volumes given out during the time the library was open, was - - - - - 12,527

Works of Fiction and Juvenile Books,	- 7,410
Biography and History,	- - - 1,282
Poetry and Belle Lettres,	- - - 1,040
Voyages and Travels,	- - - 691
Arts, Science and Law,	- - - 609
Religion and Philosophy,	- - - 575
Periodicals,	- - - 548
Miscellaneous Literature,	- - - 372

12,527

The largest number given out in any month was in March, being 2,285. But the average for the nine days of February was much larger.

The greatest number issued in any one day was on February 18th, being 197.

The whole number of shares used was 552.

The whole number of shares issued at the beginning of the year was 622. Nine new shares have been sold during the year, making the present number 631.

The imperative necessity of securing increased accommodations for our constantly increasing library was the chief motive that led to the extensive alterations to which the attention of the Corporation has been directed in this report. It is, therefore, a source of peculiar satisfaction to the Directors, in concluding this report, to be able to congratulate the proprietors of the Athenæum, of being put in possession, through the liberality of some of their number, of a building that promises to answer, for many years, to all their wants. If we include the alcoves in the Reading Room, which may be used to advantage for books of a special character, the Athenæum now provides ample shelf room for at least seventy thousand volumes. Nor is this all. It may also boast an elegant and admirably lighted room, in which its valuable collection is displayed to full advantage, and made easily accessible. Never before has the library seemed so attractive. A careful examination has shown that it will not suffer by comparison with any similar collection. It has already attained a size which gives it prominence among the public institutions which are the just boast of our prosperous community, and the large amount of capital already invested in it affords the surest pledge of its future permanence and growth. The influence for good which it exerts can hardly admit of estimate.

On the other hand, the Directors cannot but be equally aware that the wants of such an institution as the Athenæum

are continually enlarging with its means. Our library now numbers a little more than thirty thousand volumes, and we have fine accommodation for more than twice that number. The more pains we take to display our literary treasures, the more apparent are our deficiencies. In certain departments, more especially in those of modern German and French literature, we are sadly behind the times. The Directors cherish the hope that our vacant alcoves will not be allowed to appeal in vain to the liberal friends of the institution. It would be impossible to supply these deficiencies, even in the most imperfect manner, from the ordinary funds at the disposal of the Library Committee, since these are every year exhausted in striving to keep pace with current English publications. For valuable editions of standard authors, in our own or in foreign languages, as well as for additions to our small but choice collection of works of art, we shall be obliged to depend upon the public spirit and discriminating liberality of individuals. It is earnestly to be desired that the meagre sum which we are able to expend, each year, in the purchase of new books may prove, in the future, no measure of the increase of our library, and that the good example that has been set us so often, in some of our sister cities, of the presentation, by individuals, of rare and costly private collections, will not lack imitators in this community. These collections have become, in some cases, the pride and ornament of the institution to whose keeping they have been committed, and must ever remain the cherished memorials of names which posterity will not willingly let die. Surely, the abundant resources with which some are blessed can never be put to a more graceful use. And in a city justly famed for the extent and richness of its private libraries, it is surely not unreasonable to hope that the claims of the Athenæum will not be for-

gotten. The Directors commend to all its friends a thoughtful consideration of the question, how far each one may contribute towards thus enlarging its attractions and its usefulness.

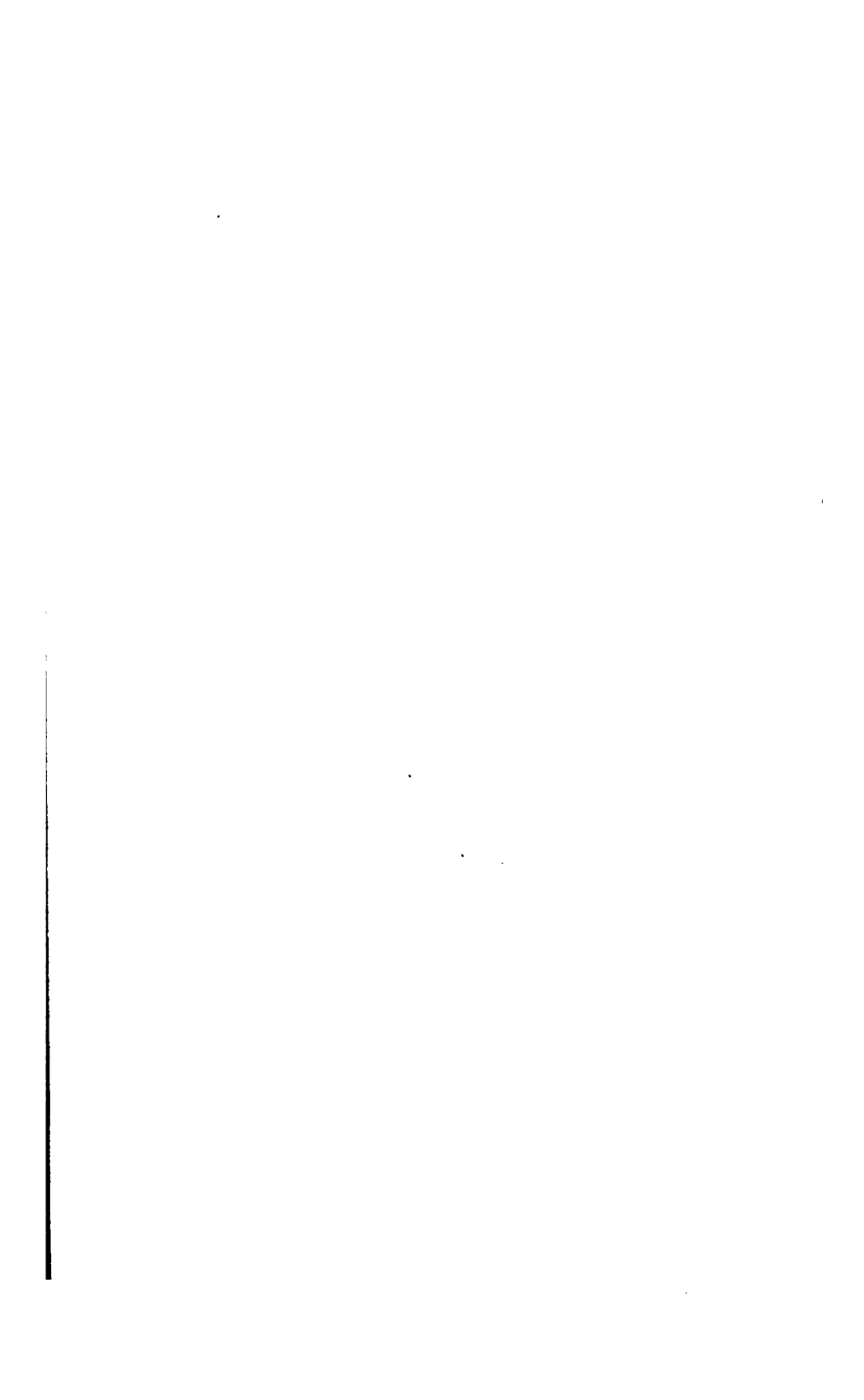
Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

OCTOBER 2, 1869.



R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

To the Board of Directors of the Athenæum, in Providence, September 24, 1869 :—

The Committee for altering the interior of the Athenæum report :—

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held July 20, 1868, William S. Patten, Alexander Farnum, Henry T. Cornett, Royal C. Taft and Charles H. Nichols, were appointed a committee to contract for and to superintend the alterations and improvements of the interior of the Athenæum, which were adopted and ordered by the stockholders, by vote passed the 25th day of February, 1867, for the purpose of greatly increasing the library accommodations.

The Committee organized on the 21st July, appointing William S. Patten, Chairman, and Alexander Farnum, Secretary, and employed James C. Bucklin, the architect, whose plans of the alterations had been adopted, to make the necessary specifications and working drawings, and to superintend the execution of the work.

Proposals were invited by advertisements in the *Daily Journal*, *Press* and *Herald*, and resulted in a contract with Trask & Horton, master builders, and Ernest J. F. Barton,

painter and decorator. The work was begun early in September following, and was continued, with reasonable diligence, to its completion, in February last.

It gives the Committee pleasure to say, that the work has been satisfactorily performed by all those who have been employed; the alterations are found to be well adapted to the wants of the library; that they greatly improve the appearance of the Athenæum, and receive the commendations of the proprietors.

The Committee have received great help in the work from the constant presence and assiduous labors of Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, the Librarian, and Mr. Frederic H. Hedge, Jr., the Assistant Librarian at the time.

The alterations and improvements have somewhat exceeded in extent and in cost the original plan and estimates. They were expected to cost about \$7,000—to be paid for by voluntary subscriptions.

Actual cost has been	- - - - -	\$7,934.79
Amount received on subscription,	- 7,722.00	
Interest on deposit,	- - - - - 34.92	
Deficiency paid from general fund,	- 177.87	
	<hr/>	7,934.79

The necessity for new carpeting, the more extensive arrangements for lighting, additional furniture and other minor matters, have caused the difference.

The Treasurer's account, which will be presented at the Proprietors' annual meeting, will contain a specific statement of the names and amounts of contributors, and of the items of the expenditures for the alterations and improvements; and also a classified statement of the expenditures under such

different heads as will be found convenient for explanation or reference.

The Athenæum owes a debt of permanent gratitude to the many liberal contributors of the means for making these desirable improvements; and great credit is also due to Mr. Henry T. Cornett, whose successful labors obtained a large amount of the subscriptions, and who, with perseverance not yet exhausted, is hopeful of increasing it to the extent of the balance not now protected by subscription.

The library was closed on the 21st of September, 1868, for the usual annual examination of books, and was not reöpened until the 18th of February, 1869, at which date the work had been finished, and the library sufficiently prepared for use.

WM. S. PATTEN,

Chairman.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE ALTERATIONS OF THE
PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM.

George J. Adams,	\$50 00	Dexter B. Lewis,	50 00
Charles Akerman,	50 00	Henry Lippitt,	100 00
Crawford Allen,	250 00	Christopher Lippitt,	50 00
Zachariah Allen,	30 00	Moses B. Lockwood,	50 00
Henry Anthony,	50 00	Earl P. Mason,	250 00
Henry B. Anthony,	20 00	John H. Ormsbee,	25 00
John B. Anthony,	20 00	Seth Padelford,	25 00
Stephen H. Arnold,	10 00	Mrs. Daniel Paine,	50 00
Amos C. Barstow,	250 00	Abraham Payne,	25 00
Henry T. Beckwith,	50 00	Amelia F. Palmer,	500 00
Tully D. Bowen,	150 00	William S. Patten,	25 00
Charles H. B. Bowen,	100 00	Edward Pearce,	50 00
John Carter Brown,	1000 00	Samuel W. Peckham,	25 00
Thomas Brown,	25 00	Charles P. Robinson,	5 00
Julia Bullock,	50 00	Mrs. Anna Richmond, Trustee,	200 00
Frank Butts,	10 00	G. A. Richards,	10 00
Alexis Caswell,	25 00	Howard M. Rice,	5 00
Charles E. Carpenter,	20 00	F. H. Richmond,	25 00
Henry R. Chace,	5 00	William H. Reynolds,	10 00
George W. Chapin,	50 00	James T. Rhodes,	100 00
John F. Chapin,	25 00	William S. Slater,	100 00
Charles T. Child,	20 00	A. & W. Sprague,	500 00
George H. Corliss,	200 00	H. N. Slater, Jr.,	50 00
William Corliss,	35 00	Nicholas Sheldon,	10 00
James M. Cross,	25 00	Lucian Sharpe,	20 00
Henry T. Cornett,	50 00	James Y. Smith & Nichols,	50 00
William H. Dart,	5 00	Amos D. Smith,	250 00
Samuel R. Dorrance,	10 00	Charles Morris Smith,	30 00
Thomas Davis,	50 00	J. Lippitt Snow,	25 00
David Duncan,	200 00	Thomas P. Shepard,	20 00
John H. Eddy,	10 00	Henry J. Steere,	25 00
Lyman B. Frieze,	20 00	Thomas E. Steere,	5 00
John Gorham,	50 00	Royal C. Taft,	50 00
Charlotte R. Goddard,	250 00	Daniel A. Taylor,	50 00
Thomas P. I. Goddard,	50 00	James Tillinghast,	10 00
William Gammell,	50 00	Charles L. Thomas,	20 00
Albert S. Gallup,	25 00	C. Earle Whitaker,	5 00
J. Dunham Hedge,	25 00	William B. Weeden,	50 00
Henry A. Hidden,	20 00	Marshall Woods,	250 00
C. Fiske Harris,	100 00	William Whitaker,	25 00
Thomas J. Hill,	50 00	Rufus Waterman,	20 00
Robert H. Ives,	1000 00	Cash, 10, 10 and 7,	27 00
John D. Jones,	20 00	Interest on deposits,	34 92
Henry L. Kendall,	25 00		
John Kingsbury,	20 00		
			<hr/> 7,756 92

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON
ACCOUNT OF ALTERATIONS OF PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM.

EXPENDITURES.

For carpenter's work.....	\$5,476.20	
For painting.....	968.65	
For gas fixtures.....	466.80	
For matting.....	331.56	
For architect's services.....	300.00	
For gas piping.....	143.42	
For furniture.....	60.00	
For mason work.....	47.50	
For labor of moving books and furniture.....	63.15	
For wire screens for water pipes.....	30.74	
For repairs on water pipes.....	37.55	
For repairs of busts and marbles.....	9.22	
		<hr/> \$7,934.79

RECEIPTS.

For amount of subscriptions, as per alphabetical list.....	7,722.00	
Interest on deposits for this account.....	34.92	
Deficiency paid from the general fund.....	177.87	
		<hr/> \$7,934 79

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, October 2, 1869.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in the Treasury, September 28, 1868.....\$727.26

RECEIPTS.

For nine shares sold at \$15.....	\$135.00	
For tax assessed September 28th, 1868, collected on 603 shares	3,015.00	
For tax assessed September 23d, 1867, collected on 4 shares..	20.00	
For two shares sold for taxes	16.00	
For Fines collected.....	4.94	
Dividends and interest on invested funds, including premium on coin.....	1,981.69	
Donation from Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq....	500.00	
		<u>5,672.63</u>
		<u>\$6,399.89</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	530.63	
For periodicals.....	404.26	
For binding books.....	208.04	
For salaries.....	2,450.00	
For fuel.....	180.00	
For gas....	33.53	
For insurance..	79.96	
For city tax.....	400.04	
For stationery	23.85	
For express, postage and stamps.....	24.16	
For advertising and printing.....	155.05	
For repairs and furniture.....	231.84	
For sundries.....	45.90	
For cost of alterations above amount subscribed.....	177.87	
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank	1,454.76	
		<u>6,399.89</u>

The Corporation has invested funds consisting of—
 74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value \$1,850.00
 63 shares in the American National Bank, par value..... 3,150.00
 7 United States Bonds, 6s of 1881, and 5.20s.....19,500.00
\$24,500.00

The number of shares issued September 28, 1868, was.....622
 The number issued this year..... 9
Whole number of shares.....631
 Tax unpaid on nineteen shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 27th, 1868.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING,

OCTOBER 2, 1869.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Arnold S. Augustus	584
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Arnold William R. 2d.	217
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Arnold William S.	388
Allen Charles B.	50	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Allen Crawford	6	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Philip*	9		
Allen Philip, Jr.	256	Bailey William M.	165
Allen Zachariah	8	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Ames Samuel*	171	Baker George	226
Andrews Betsey, executrix,	348	Balch John R.	339
Andrews Cornelia A.	323	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Balch Joseph P.	419
Andrews Walter P.	630	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Angell Edwin G.	133	Barker Frederic A.	520
Angell John W.	287	Barstow Amos C.	97
Anthony Henry	44	Barstow E. R.	369
Anthony Henry B.	414	Barstow John*	310
Anthony John B.	146	Bartlett John R.	279
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Aplin Charles	453	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Appleton John H.	120	Beckwith Truman	19
Armington Asa W.*	289	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Armington James H.	331	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Armington Matthew W.	83	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Arnold Charles	106	Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	393
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Billings Ethelbert R.	504
Arnold George C.	103	Binney William	558
Arnold John N.	223	Blaisdell Alfred O.	451

*Deceased.

Blake Joseph M.	530	Calder Albert L.	274
Blanding William B.	40	Calder George B.	631
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Caldwell Samuel L.	579
Blodget William P.	387	Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Boon Charles E.	267	Carpenter Earl*	496
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carpenter Lydia	592
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Bourn Robert C.	404	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Henry	198	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Central Baptist Society	307
Bradford Joseph	250	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradford S. S.	65	Chace Alexander B.	42
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace George I.	224
Brastow Billings	31	Chace Henry R.	398
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace Lewis J.	527
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chace Thomas E.	627
Brown Edward W.	532	Chace William M.*	176
Brown Henry T.	510	Chafee Mary E.	555
Brown Isaac	245	Chaffin Lucian G.	464
Brown John Carter	77	Channing William F.	105
Brown Joseph R.	480	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown Moses*	1	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Nicholas*	547	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown Thomas	212	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown William*	324	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown William Waterman	219	Child Charles T.	573
Brown William Whipple	466	Childs Charles H.*	208
Browne George H.	585	Claffin George L.	482
Brownell Francis S.	160	Clark Thomas M.	411
Brownell Stephen	412	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke James M.	501
Bucklin Thomas P.	601	Clarke John H.	313
Buffum Benjamin	52	Coggeshall James H.	450
Bullock Julia	502	Collins George L.	526
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Collins James C.	460
Bullock William P.*	144	Congdon George W.	257
Burges Walter S.	78	Congdon Gilbert	72
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon Henry R.	514
Burrington William B.	109	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Burrough Martha H.	367	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Edwin A.	390	Cooke Edward	570
Bush Patience M.	206	Cooke Joseph J.	505
Bush Richard W.	91	Corliass George H.	360
Butler Cyrus*	7	Corliass William	622
Butts David A. (New York.)	182	Cornett Henry	467
Butts Frank	397	Cornett Henry T.	564
Butts George W.	597	Cowell Benjamin*	526
Cady Shubael H.	536	Cranston Henry C.	548

Crocker Nathan B.*	290	Earle William	474
Cross James M.	561	Eddy Johu H.	311
Cushing Samuel B.	399	Ely James W. C.	545
Cutler Edward H.	153		
		Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
Daggett John (Attleborough)	455	Farnum Alexander	228
Dailey Charlotte F.	209	Field Daniel	26
Dana Newton C.	344	Field William	15
Danielson George W.	152	First Baptist Cnurch	405
Darling Levi B.	572	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Dart William H.*	128	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Davenport Samuel C.	470	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davis Edmund	620	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Davis Thomas	173	Fletcher Joseph	368
Davis William D.	318	Fluhrer William F.	582
Day Daniel	53	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Day Israel H.	203	Foster Samuel	576
Dearth William G.	117	Fourth Baptist Church	538
DeMunn Sarah	447	Frieze Lyman B.	302
Dennis Samuel C.	379	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Fuller Frederick	560
DeWolf J. Halsey	229		
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371	Gallup Albert S.	503
Dexter Samuel*	95	Gammell William	286
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Gardiner Malachi R.	193
Dike Arba B.	483	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Diman J. Lewis	194	Gladding Henry G.	280
Dodge F. Pickering	616	Glezen Edward K.	407
Dorr Sullivan	380	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Dorrance James R.	395	Goff Amey S.	499
Dorrance William T.	92	Goodier Eliza G.	550
Downes L. T.	448	Goodwin Daniel	315
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Gorham Jabez	45
Drown William H.	338	Gorham John	427
Duncan Alexander	12	Gorton Charles	355
Duncan David	261	Greene Albert C., cashier	492
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Greene Albert G.*	332
Dunnell Mary	235	Greene Ardelia E.	342
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Cornelia E.	429
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Edward A.	213
Durfee Thomas	628	Greene Richard W.	73
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Rufus	444
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Sarah A.	290
Dyer John	21	Greene Warren A.	535
Dyer John F.	259	Greene Welcome A.	358
		Greene William Albert*	187
Eames Jane A.	487	Greene William Albert*	164
Eames Laura C.	107	Greene William H.	617
Earle George B.	573	Greene William Henry	608

Greene William R.	167	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Gross Thomas J. A.	374	Hoppin William W.	283
Grosvenor William	108	Hoskins James B.	294
Grout Abby R.	29	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Howard Ezra W.	47
		Howard William A.	75
Haines William S.	102	Howland John A.	192
Hale Isaac	382	Hoyt Charles A.	136
Hall Edward B.*	263	Hoyt David W.	581
Hall George W.	496	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Hall J. Clifton	559	Hudson Samuel*	241
Hallett George W.	37	Humphry Sarah F.	475
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Ham Charles H.	605	Hunt George	364
Ham James S.*	341	Huston William R.	618
Hamilton Elizabeth T.	471	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Hamlin Richard E.	477	Hutchins Sterns	175
Hamlin William E.	178		
Harkness Albert	357	Ives Robert H.	4
Harkness Thomas	33		
Harris Avis L.	457	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris Cyrus	221	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris David S.	112	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris George J.	151	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harris Samuel B.	133	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Stephen	391	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris Thomas	353	Jenkins William*	5
Harrison Joseph	626	Jillson Charles D.	461
Hart Charles	553	Johnson William S.	329
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones Albert J.	83
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones Edward S.	512
Hawes Amos B.	207	Jones John D.	473
Hayes Wingate	93	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hayward Thomas W.	563		
Hazard Edward H.	583	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hazard George P.	529	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hazard Rowland	615	Kelly Wilber*	125
Heap James	439	Kendall Henry L.	88
Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	238	Kendall Oliver	505
Hedge J. Dunham	590	Kilton John B.	148
Hidden Henry A.	137	King George M. P.	593
Hill Hiram	163	King William J.	571
Hill Paris	134	Kingsbury John	214
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hoard John W.	598	Knight Henry P.	233
Hodges Isaac A.	468	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knowles Edward P.	498
Hoppin George H.	430	Knowles John P.	71

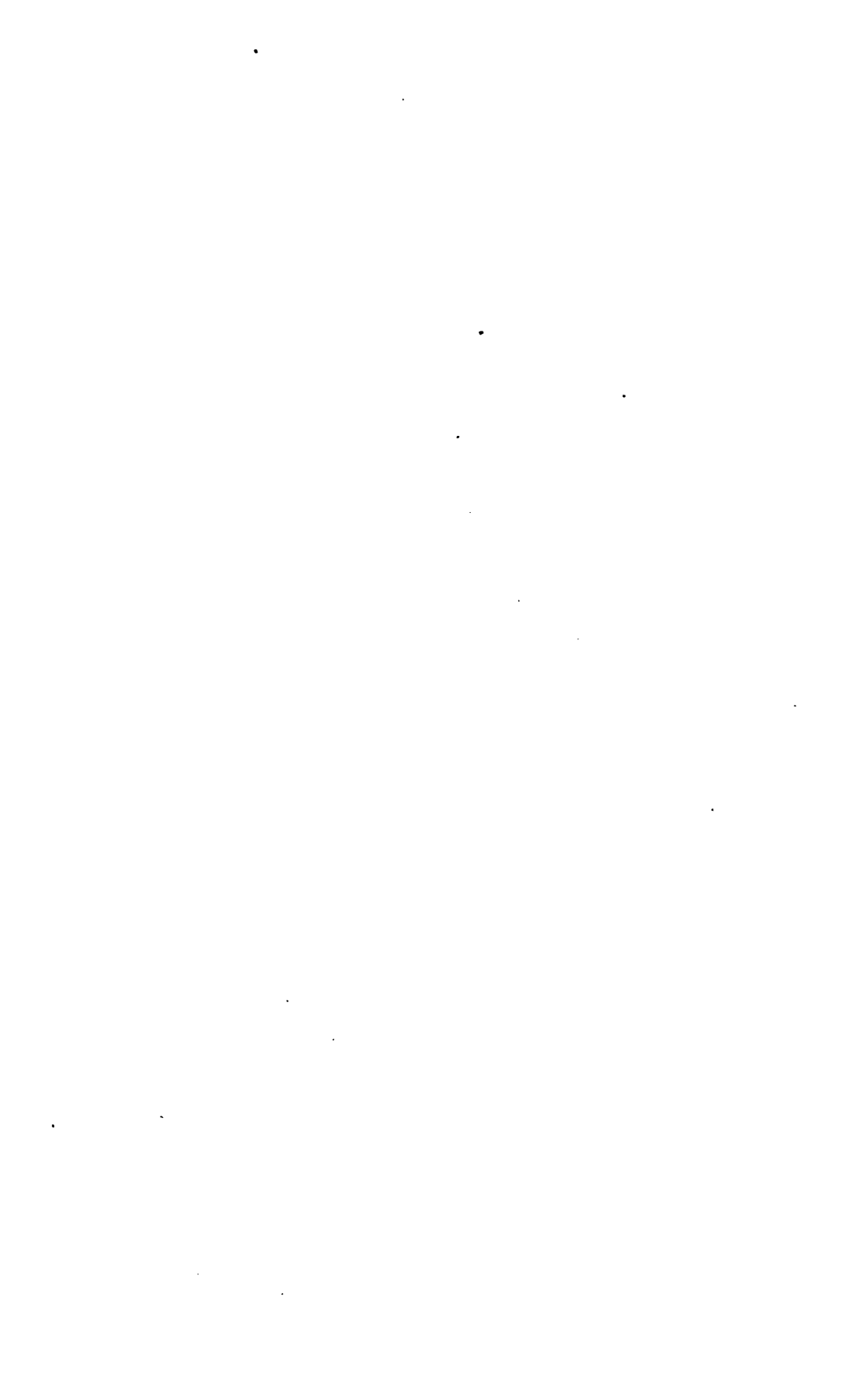
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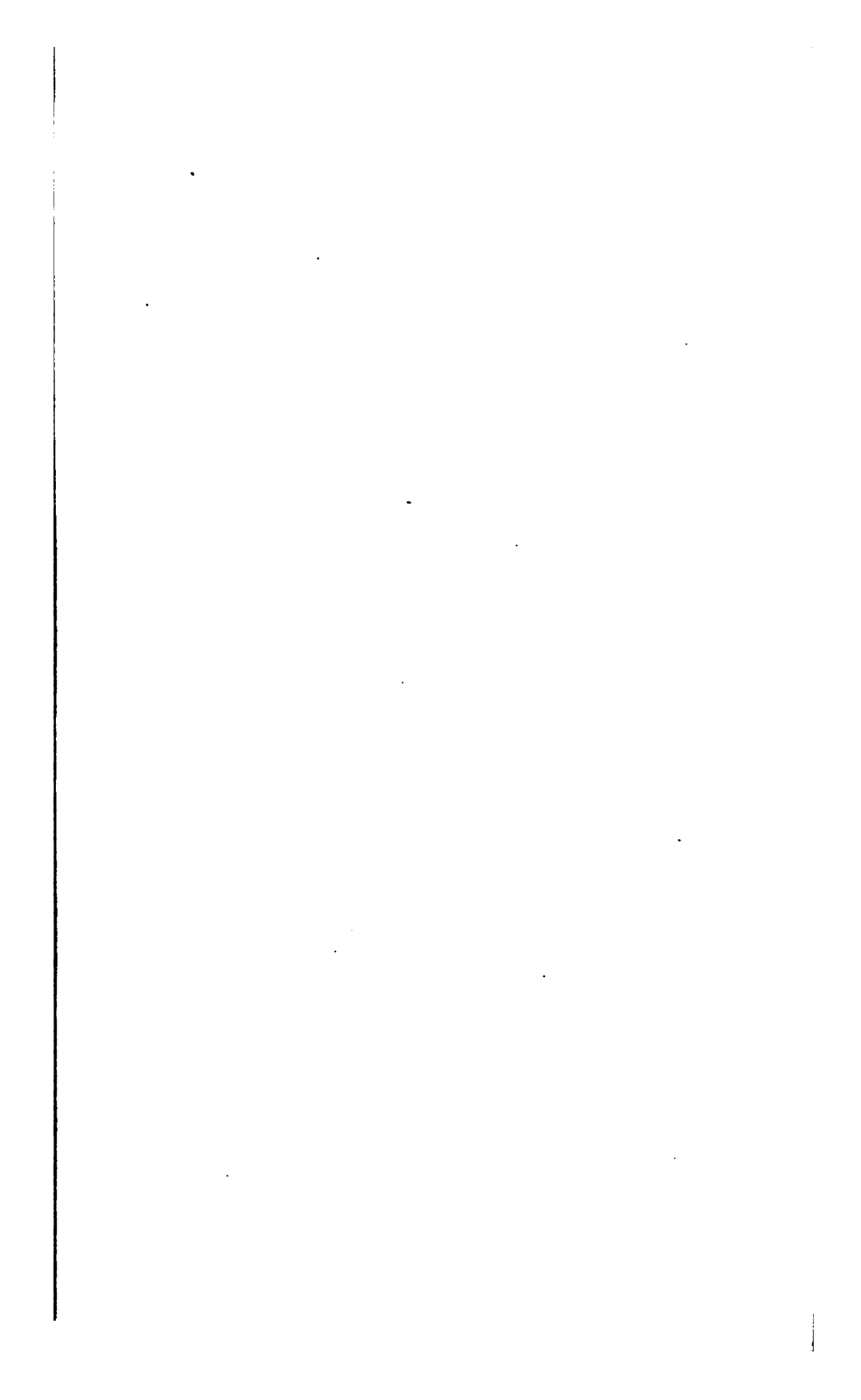
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REPORT.

THE Directors of the PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, herewith present to the Corporation their thirty-fifth Annual Report.

The organization of the Board was completed immediately after the last Annual Meeting of the Corporation by the election of the regular officers, and the appointment of the usual Committees. Mr. J. Dunham Hedge, and Mr. William W. Bailey were re-appointed to the respective offices of Librarian, and Assistant Librarian.

The question of what would be the best method of increasing the interest of the public in the Institution and of diffusing more widely its benefits has frequently engaged the consideration of the Board.

In consequence of a suggestion looking to this end, a Committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of advertising in the city newspapers, from time to time, the additions to the Library. The report of the Committee was adverse to the incurring of the expense which such advertisement would involve.

The state of the Treasury seeming to warrant a somewhat greater outlay for books than was required by the usual weekly purchases, it was voted to place the sum of \$1000 in

the hands of the Library Committee for special purchase. That sum was accordingly expended upon an invoice of choice and much needed works imported from London and Paris.

The city authorities having insisted upon levying a tax upon the property of the Corporation under an interpretation of the law different from that which has prevailed in former years, a Committee was appointed to take such action in the Courts as they might be advised, to test the question of the liability to pay taxes. The Committee subsequently reported that an act had been passed at a recent session of the General Assembly, exempting from taxation the real and personal property of all incorporated Libraries; thus disposing of all future liabilities, and leaving the question as to taxes already imposed to be settled by the Supreme Court.

Ethelbert R. Billings, Esq., to whose benefactions the Athenæum has been heretofore largely indebted, has during the year added to our obligations by the gift of a valuable collection of German works, including those of Goethe and Schiller complete, and numbering in all about forty volumes, for which special acknowledgment was directed to be returned by the President.

The Committee on Building and Grounds has been authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem advisable for heating and ventilating the building, repairing the roof, and replacing Lightning Rods.

This summary includes all the transactions of the Board of Directors which are deemed of sufficient importance to be noticed in the report.

The Librarian reports that the past year has, on the whole, been a prosperous one for the Athenæum, both as regards the growth of the Library, and the greater appreciation of its value by the public, as indicated by an enlarged circulation. The

additions, though not so large as in some former years, are greater than in any year since 1860. The whole increase amounts to nine hundred and twenty-five volumes, and one hundred and sixty pamphlets. Of the volumes there were added

By purchase,	- - - - -	705
By gift,	- - - - -	103
By binding of periodicals and pamphlets,	-	117
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		925

The additions consists of

Folios,	- - - - -	15
Quartos,	- - - - -	44
Octavos,	- - - - -	509
Duodecimos and under,	- - - - -	327
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Of the pamphlets, 86 were received by gift, and 74 obtained by purchase. Nearly half of the books were procured from abroad on an order made up by the Library Committee, early in the winter, and consist of the valuable foreign works before alluded to.

The whole number of volumes given out during the year is 22,902.

Works of Fiction and Juvenile Books,	-	13,032
Biography and History,	- - -	2,753
Poetry and Belle Letters,	- - -	1,693
Voyages and Travels,	- - -	1,157
Arts, Science and Law,	- - -	1,304
Religion and Philosophy,	- - -	1,182
Periodicals,	- - -	1,286
Miscellaneous Literature,	- - -	395
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The largest number given out in any month was in March. The number being 2,644.

The greatest number issued in any one day was on March 12th. The number being 216.

The number of shares used was 594. The whole number of shares which had been issued prior to the commencement of the year was 631. Nine new shares have been sold during the year, making the present number 640.

The whole number of volumes in the Library at the presentation of the last report was

31,041
925

The whole number at present is therefore

31,966

The visitors to the Upper Hall of the Athenæum will notice, on their entrance, a new work of art by Mr. William Miller. This is a bronze medallion entitled "Triumviri Americani," representing in bas relief the busts of Washington, Lincoln and Grant: the Father, Saviour and Guardian of our republic, ("Pater 1789, Salvator 1861, Custos 1869.") For this ornament to our Library we are indebted to the liberality of several gentlemen, whose names have not yet been fully reported.

From Mr. Holder Borden Bowen we have received the Chaucer Society publications, for the year 1868 and 1869; a very valuable addition to our collection of English poetry.

Grateful acknowledgments of the Athenæum are tendered to Mr. Bowen, and also to the following donors of volumes and pamphlets:—

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There has been occasion to notice in former Annual Reports the too frequent want of care in the use of the books. Unfortunately the occasion for complaint in this particular has not been wholly removed. In several instances there has been positive abuse by writing upon the margin of volumes, or otherwise defacing them. In a neighboring state it has been deemed necessary to guard against such misconduct by statute, imposing severe penalties for every offence. Perhaps a little vigilance on the part of shareholders would answer the purpose quite as effectually, and prevent the recurrence of so discreditable a complaint.

It appears from the Report of the Treasurer that the total receipts of the year were

Dividends from permanent fund,	-	-	\$1,763.78
Annual assessment,	-	-	3,110.00
Shares sold,	-	-	185.00
Arreages of assessments,	-	-	50.00
Other items,	-	-	40.40
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			\$5,099.18

The balance on hand from the former year was

1,454.76

Aggregating,	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,553.94
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The expenditures during the same time were \$6,072.30, of which the sum of \$1,912.82 was for purchase of books and periodicals, and \$188.37 for binding, \$2,375 for salaries, \$225.46 for fuel and light, \$118.25 for advertising and printing, \$105.59 for insurance, stationery and sundries, while \$751.72 was expended upon repairs and furniture, and \$395.09 was required for the city tax.

Of the last two items, one will not again recur, and the other may be considered an extraordinary expense. They together amount to more than the excess of expenditure above the current receipts, though the outlay for additions to the Library has been so much more liberal than usual.

Your Directors' Report for 1868 was supplemented by a special Report of the Librarian, containing a very thorough and suggestive analysis of the Library, from which it appears, among other deficiencies, that the volumes relating to mathematics and the physical sciences comprise only one per cent. of the whole number. It is not to be expected that it should be otherwise than incomplete in some of its departments, but the deficiency in this particular is more marked from the very rapid growth of the taste for this branch of study.

It is true, as it has been in former years, that the circulation of works of this character is very limited. From the report of the various classes of books given out during the year, it appears that works of fiction and juvenile books comprise more than half, while those of a scientific character are few in number. This exhibit, however, does not necessarily indicate the literary taste of the patrons of the Library, nor should it determine the character of the additions to be made to it, as it is certainly far from indicating the general quality of the books, which as appears from the report above mentioned will, in intrinsic value, bear a favorable comparison with most public libraries. It makes no account of the important use of the Library for consultation.

It is a fortunate circumstance that individuals are acquiring increased means of providing for themselves their own books,

and that the improvement in taste keeps pace with the improvement in means.

Probably most of the stockholders have in their own collections a large proportion of the works of a substantial and permanent value that they have the leisure or inclination to study while they and their families depend to a great extent upon the facilities afforded by the Athenæum for the more ephemeral literature.

It may not be out of place to remark here that the great circulation of what are denominated works of fiction does not occasion in us the same solicitude with which it has affected some of our predecessors, as the relation of this to other species of literature has materially changed. We have learned that the historian can use the pen of the poet, and so envelope facts with the creations of fancy that the reader can scarcely be certain of the absolute reality of anything beyond the chronological skeleton, while the writer of fiction sometimes portrays actual life with little that is unreal but names. Happily, romances of the extravagant school, calculated to mislead the judgment and inflame the passions, have in a great measure given place to such as are made useful vehicles for the conveyance of moral truth. This consideration, however, only qualifies our regret that the Library should be so largely used for what we must regard in general as purposes of entertainment rather than solid acquirements.

The domains of human research are extending with great rapidity. The requirements of culture quite keep pace with the growth of private libraries, and while the circle to which the advantages of the Athenæum are accessible is constantly enlarging, the standard of its education should be advancing. Your Directors understand it to be the spirit of the institution to meet those requirements, and to promote a healthful and

improving taste, by furnishing the means of gratifying it to the fullest possible extent. To this end they ask for the means of maintaining its various departments in a condition equal at least to the present, and to supply those deficiencies which are especially apparent. It seems particularly desirable to make the Library rich in such books of reference as from their costliness are beyond the means of many who may have the taste for their perusal. The recent improvements in the convenience of the rooms invite their increased use for purposes of consultation and study.

It is now thirty-four years since the Athenæum began its existence. Its nucleus was formed by the consolidation of two libraries, containing in the aggregate about four thousand volumes. The whole number acquired during the first year was by gift four, and by purchase seventy-eight. Since that time, by a regular and very healthy growth it has progressed to its present size and importance. Its treasures are open to the public to whom its use is practically free, with reasonable restrictions, except so far as relates to the circulation of the books beyond its walls. We say practically free, because the privilege of using the books is neither by law or by usage limited to the stockholders. It is true however, that the public has never by positive enactment acquired a right to any use of the Library whatever, and the question may deserve your consideration whether it would not be for the mutual interest of the institution, and the community that a more intimate and popular relation should be established between them. It has been argued that neither the interest or convenience of stockholders would be injuriously affected, if, with a large hospitality, the use of the rooms and of the books within them should be declared free, with such ample discretionary powers vested in

the Librarian as would be necessary to guard against abuse of the privilege.

The private convenience of stockholders in the enjoyment of the advantages of a circulating library is one of the purposes of the institution, but a subordinate purpose. As a public educator, in some measure representing the culture of Providence, your Directors feel that it has claims upon the good will and liberality of its citizens. Its work may be supplemented and extended by other institutions founded upon different principles, providing for the free circulation of books throughout the community, but the work which the Athenæum has accomplished will remain, and it will still be desirable, as it is now, to make it a collection of the choicest and rarest fruits of literature, such that it shall be an attraction to every scholar and the pride of every citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. PATTEN,

President.

JAMES TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 26, 1870.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in the Treasury, October 2, 1869.....\$1,454.76

RECEIPTS.

For nine new shares sold at \$15.....	\$135.00
For tax assessed October 2d, 1869, collected on 622 shares....	3,110.00
For tax assessed September 28th, 1868, collected on nine shares.....	45.00
For tax assessed September 23d, 1867, collected on one share	5.00
For two shares sold for taxes.....	18.00
For fines collected.....	6.98
For subscription collected on improvement fund.....	10.00
For dividends and interest on invested funds, including pre- mium on coin.....	1,763.78
For books sold.....	5.42
	5,099.18
	\$6,553.94

EXPENDITURES.

For books.....	\$1,500.55
For periodicals.....	412.27
For binding.....	188.37
For salaries.....	2,375.00
For fuel.....	96.50
For gas.....	128.96
For insurance.....	20.60
For city tax.....	395.09
For stationery..	22.03
For express, postage and stamps.....	27.31
For advertising and printing.....	118.25
For repairs and furniture.....	751.72
For sundries.....	35.60
Balance this day in Manufacturers National Bank.....	481.69
	\$6,553.94

The Corporation has invested funds, consisting of—
 74 shares in the Blackstone Canal National Bank, par value \$1,850.00
 63 shares in the American National Bank, par value..... 3,150.00
 7 U. S. Bonds, 6s of 1881 and 5.20s... .. 19,500.00

\$24,500.00

The number of shares issued October 2d, 1869, was.....631
 The number of new shares issued this year.....9

Whole number of shares.....640
 Tax unpaid on nine shares.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. ARNOLD, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, September 26th, 1870.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS

REPORTED TO THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

SEPTEMBER 26, 1870.

	Share, No.		Share, No.
Abbott Thomas J., Jr.	349	Arnold S. Augustus	584
Adams George J.	619	Arnold Samuel G.	58
Adams Seth, Jr.*	14	Arnold Stephen (s. c.)	34
Adie Alexander F.	517	Arnold Stephen H.	556
Akerman Charles	350	Arnold Welcome	142
Aldrich Elisha S.	179	Arnold William R. 2d.	217
Aldrich Henry L.	629	Arnold William S.	388
Allen Charles B.	50	Ashley Lucius C.	162
Allen Crawford	6	Austin Samuel	2
Allen Philip*	9		
Allen Phillp, Jr.	256	Bailey Benjamin D.	516
Allen Zachariah	8	Bailey William M.	165
Ames Samuel*	171	Bailey William M., Jr.	149
Andem Emma W.	490	Baker George	226
Andrews Betsey, executrix,	348	Balch John R.	339
Andrews Stephen D.	183	Balch Joseph	205
Andrews Walter P.	630	Balch Joseph P.	419
Angell John W.	287	Ballou Sarah V.	169
Anthony Henry	44	Brancroft T. Whiting	210
Anthony Henry B.	414	Barker Frederick A.	520
Anthony John B.	146	Barrett William E.	379
Anthony Lorenzo D.	156	Barstow Amos C.	97
Aplin Charles	453	Barstow Ephraim R.	369
Appleton John H.	120	Barstow John*	310
Armington Asa W.*	289	Bartlett John R.	279
Armington James H.	331	Beckwith Amos N.	445
Armington Matthew W.	83	Beckwith Henry T.	269
Arnold Charles	106	Beckwith Truman	19
Arnold Christopher B.	316	Belden Stanton (N. Providence)	392
Arnold Frederick W.	200	Beneficent Congregational Society	343
Arnold George O.	103	Benefit Street Free Chapel	491
Arnold John N.	223	Beverly A. E. G.	342

*Deceased.

Bicknell Thomas W. (Barrington)	303	Butts David A. (New York.)	182
Billings Ethelbert R.	504	Butts Frank	397
Binney William	558	Butts George W.	597
Blaisdell Alfred O.	451		
Blake Joseph M.	530	Cady Shubael H.	536
Blanding William B.	40	Calder Albert L.	274
Blodget Samuel C.	110	Calder George B.	631
Blodget William P.	387	Caldwell Samuel L.	579
Boon Charles E.	267	Carlisle Elizabeth	441
Borden Holder* (Fall River)	288	Carnoe William M.	635
Borden Jefferson (Fall River)	143	Carpenter Earl*	486
Bourn Robert C.	404	Carpenter Lydia	592
Bowen Henry	198	Carpenter Sturgis P.	79
Bowen Holder Borden	640	Caswell Alexis	270
Bowen Tully D.*	130	Caswell Edward T.	184
Bradford Joseph	250	Central Baptist Society	307
Bradford S. Standish	65	Central Congregational Society	49
Bradley Charles S.	303	Chace Alexander B.	42
Brastow Billings	31	Chace George I.	224
Brayton George A. (Warwick)	366	Chace Henry R.	398
Broadway Methodist Epis. Church	484	Chace Lewis J.	527
Brown Edward W.	532	Chace Thomas E.	627
Brown Henry T.	510	Chace William M.*	176
Brown Isaac	245	Chaffee Mary E.	555
Brown John Carter	77	Chaffin Lucian G.	464
Brown Joseph R.	490	Channing William F.	105
Brown Moses*	1	Chapin Alexander Duncan	94
Brown Nicholas*	547	Chapin George W.	337
Brown Street Baptist Society	574	Chapin John F.	596
Brown Thomas	212	Chapin Joshua B.	423
Brown William*	324	Chapman Rhodes B.	408
Brown William Waterman	219	Child Lewis P.	345
Brown William Whipple	466	Child Charles T.	573
Browne George H.	585	Childs Charles H.*	208
Brownell Francis S.	160	Claffin George L.	482
Brownell Stephen	410	Clark Thomas M.	411
Bucklin James C.	373	Clarke Benjamin F.	403
Bucklin Simon S.	168	Clarke George L.	612
Bucklin Thomas P.*	601	Clarke James M.	501
Buffum Benjamin	52	Clarke John H.	313
Bullock Julia	502	Cobb Dewey A.	633
Bullock Samuel B.	426	Coggeshall James II.	450
Bullock William P.*	144	Collins George L.	526
Burges Walter S.	78	Collins James C.	460
Burgess Frederick	76	Congdon George W.	257
Burrington William B.	109	Congdon Gilbert	72
Burrough Martha H.	367	Congdon Henry R.	514
Bush Edwin A.	390	Congdon Joseph W.	166
Bush Patience M.	206	Cook Caleb C.*	352
Bush Richard W.	91	Cooke Edward	570
Butler Cyrus*	7	Cooke Joseph J.	565

Corliss George H.	360	Eames Laura C.	107
Corliss William	622	Earle George B.	573
Cornett Henry	467	Earle William	474
Cornett Henry T.	564	Eddy John H.	311
Cranston Henry C.	548	Ely James W. C.	545
Crocker Nathan B.*	296	Ely William	325
Cross James M.	561	Ernst Carl W.	590
Cushing Samuel B.	399		
Cutler Edward H.	153	Farnsworth Claudius B.	589
		Farnum Alexander	228
Daggett John (Attleborough)	455	Field Daniel W.	26
Dalley Charlotte F.	209	Field William	15
Dana Newton C.	344	First Baptist Church	405
Danielson George W.	152	First Baptist Society (Pawtucket)	580
Darling Levi B.	572	First Universalist Society of Prov.	566
Dart William H.*	128	Fisher Addison Q.	544
Davenport Samuel C.	470	Fisher Charles L.*	528
Davis Edmund	620	Fletcher Joseph	368
Davis Thomas	173	Fluhrer William F.	582
Davis William D.	318	Fogg Ezra D.	396
Day Daniel	53	Foster Ira A.	322
Day Israel H.	203	Foster Samuel	576
Dearth William G.	117	Fourth Baptist Church	538
DeMunn Sarah	447	Frieze Lyman B.	302
DeWitt Henry A.	469	Friendship Street Baptist Church	539
DeWolf J. Halsey	229	Fuller Frederick	560
Dexter Lewis (Smithfield)	371		
Dexter Samuel*	95	Gallup Albert S.	503
Dexter Samuel F.*	554	Gammell William	286
Dike Arba B.	483	Gardiner Malachi B.	193
Diman J. Lewis	194	Gardner John A.	424
Dorr Sullivan	380	Ghirardini Maria L.	431
Dorrance Amy G.	416	Gladding Henry G.	280
Dorrance Eliza A.	244	Glezen Edward K.	407
Dorrance James R.	395	Goddard Thomas P. I.	519
Dorrance William T.	92	Goddard William G.* 2 shares	234, 406
Dow George S.	634	Godfrey Charles E.	25
Downes Lewis T.	448	Goodier Eliza G.	550
Doyle Thomas A.	305	Goodwin Daniel	315
Drown William H.	338	Gorham Jabez*	45
Duncan Alexander	12	Gorham John	427
Duncan David	261	Gorton Charles	355
Dunnell Jacob (Pawtucket)	336	Greene Albert C., cashier	492
Dunnell Mary	235	Greene Albert G.*	332
Dunnell Thomas L.	304	Greene Cornelia E.	429
Dunwell James P.	412	Greene Edward A.	213
Durfee Thomas	628	Greene Richard W.	73
Dwight Gamaliel Lyman	273	Greene Rufus	444
Dyer Elisha	159	Greene Sarah A.	290
Dyer John	21	Greene Welcome A.	358
Dyer John F.	259	Greene William Albert*	187

Greene William Albert*	164	Hoppin George H.	430
Greene William H.	617	Hoppin Thomas C.*	51
Greene William Henry	608	Hoppin William W.	283
Greene William R.	167	Hoskins James B.*	294
Gross Thomas J. A.	374	Hoswell Charlotte R.	230
Grosvenor William	108	Howard Ezra W.*	47
Grout Abby R.	29	Howard William A.	75
Gurney P. Eugene	623	Howland John A.	192
		Hoyt Charles N.	136
		Hoyt David W.	581
Haines William S.	102	Hubbard Hattie J.	595
Hale Isaac	382	Hudson Samuel*	241
Hall Edward B.*	263	Humphreys James	636
Hall George W.	496	Humphrey Sarah F.	475
Hall J. Clifton	559	Hunt Daniel A.	189
Hallett George W.	37	Hunt George	364
Ham Benjamin W.	437	Huston William R.	618
Ham Charles H.	605	Hutchins Shubael*	123
Ham James S *	341	Hutchins Sterns	175
Hamlin Richard E.	477		
Hamlin William E.	178	Ives Robert H.	4
Harkness Albert	357		
Harkness Thomas	33	Jackson Charles E.	541
Harris Avis L.	457	Jackson Ephraim S.	346
Harris C. Fiske	204	Jastram Henry M.	141
Harris Cyrus	221	Jefferson Street Baptist Church	540
Harris David S.	112	Jenckes Marcia M.	127
Harris George J.	151	Jenckes Thomas A.	485
Harris Samuel B.	133	Jenkins Charles W.*	202
Harris Stephen	391	Jenkins William*	5
Harris Thomas	353	Jillson Charles D.	461
Harrison Joseph	626	Johnson William S.	329
Hart Charles	553	Jollie Edward	86
Hartshorn Charles P.	38	Jones Albert J.	82
Hartshorn Cornelia R.	438	Jones Edward S.	512
Hartshorn Isaac	191	Jones John D.*	472
Hawes Amos B.	207	Joslin Susan R.	473
Hayes Wingate	93		
Hayward Thomas W.	563	Keith Christopher T.	507
Hazard Edward H.	583	Kelly Ebenezer*	190
Hazard George P.	529	Kelly Wilber*	125
Hazard Rowland	615	Kendall Henry L.	88
Heap James	439	Kendall Oliver	505
Hedge Frederick H. Jr.	238	Kilton John B.	148
Hidden Henry A.	137	King George M. P.	593
Hill Hiram	163	King William J.	571
Hill Paris	134	Kingsbury John	214
Hill Thomas J.	363	Knight Abby W. M.	418
Hilton William D.	114	Knight Benjamin B.	129
Hoard John W.	598	Knight Henry P.	233
Hoppin Carrington	599	Knight Nehemiah R.*	89

Knight Robert	616	Miller Charles T.	443
Knowles Edward P.	498	Miller Frederick	518
Knowles John P.	71	Miller Horace G.	632
Knowles Joseph	268	Mitchell John A.	603
		Mitchell Thomas L.	452
Lapham Benjamin N.	446	Morse Alpheus C.	588
Larchar John*	39	Moulton & Ingraham	506
Larned Samuel*	306	Mowry Martha H.	104
Lathrop Henry E.	562	Mowry Scott W.	300
Leach Daniel, 2 shares	252, 515	Mowry William G. R.	10
Leonard George E.	284	Mumford George A.	476
Lewis Dexter B.	195	Murray Robert, Jr.	524
Lincoln John L.	119		
Lippitt Christopher	150	Nichols Charles A.	613
Lippitt Henry	68	Nightingale Cornelia S.	265
Lippitt Peleg W.	567	Nightingale Edwin J.	299
Lockwood Moses B.	351	Nightingale George C.	113
Lonsdale John H.	602	Nightingale Susan E.	493
Lothrop Henry W.	140	Northam Elizabeth C.	402
Luther Charles C.	577	Noyes George C.	295
Lyman Henry B.	67	Noyes Samuel M.	546
Lyman John W.	126		
Lyon Mary W.	549	Okie Caroline	638
		Okie A. Howard	586
McFarland Thomas	468	Oldfield John, 2 shares	174, 292
Manton Amasa*	24	Olney Stephen T.	186
Manton Louisa	551	Ormsbee Henry H.	433
Manton Robert	409	Ormsbee John S.	347
Martin Anne F.	323	Osborn William	340
Martin Joseph	456	Owen Ezekiel	54
Mason Charles F.	266	Owen George	401
Mason Earl P.	258	Owen Smith	389
Mason George	81		
Mason Henry W.	285	Pabodie B. Frank	57
Mason John N.	222	Pabodie Benjamin G.	85
Mason Owen	216	Pabodie Charles A.	96
Mathewson Parley M.	116	Padelford Seth, 2 shares	111, 487
Mathewson St. Meth. Epis. Church	36	Paige Henry	362
Mauran Abby	62	Paine Amasa*	115
Mauran Joseph	243	Paine Daniel*	328
Mauran Suchet	132	Palmer Amelia F.	131
Mauran Suchet, 2d	330	Palmer Fannie	609
Mead Marshall B.	508	Palmer John B.*	500
Merrill William S.	314	Parish J. S.	312
Merriman Charles H.	537	Parkhurst Charles H.	614
Metcalf Almira T.	262	Parkhurst William H.	155
Metcalf Edwin	254	Parsons Charles W.	35
Metcalf Henry B.	253	Parsons Usher*	375
Metcalf Joel Jr.	70	Patten Joseph H.	239
Metcalf Joseph G.*	69	Patten William S.	237
Miles Amanda	118	Payne Abraham	497

Payson Thomas E.	478	Richmond Frank E.	157
Payton Eliza J.	264	Richmond Harriet T.	525
Pearce Edward	185	Richmond Street Cong. Society	494
Pearce Edward, Jr.	421	Rickard Rowwell R.	43
Pearce Edward D.	321	Ripley James M.	28
Pearce Thomas*	30	Rivers Mary	531
Pearson Luther	23	Robinson Charles P.	459
Peck Allen O.	211	Robinson William A.	489
Peck George B.	376	Rogers Charles M.	196
Peckham Edward L.	481	Rogers Horatio	400
Peckham Fenner H.	533	Rogers Joseph	301
Peckham Frank B.	309	Russell Hope B. Ives	3
Peckham Joseph C.*	319		
Peckham Samuel W.	135	Sabin Charles	201
Peckham Thomas*	22	Sackett Adnah*	317
Peirce Edwin J.	471	Salisbury Charles T.	513
Peirce Fenelon A.	523	Salisbury Levi	575
Peirce John	413	Salisbury Samuel S.*	425
Peirce Kate L.	170	Sawyer John W.	435
Perry Amos	458	Shaw Allen	251
Perry Herbert L.	247	Shaw Charles A.	454
Phillips Thomas	378	Shaw Emma Graves	377
Pierce George A.	218	Shaw John M.	154
Pierce William G.	422	Shaw Mary A.	587
Pitman Henry	197	Shearman Sylvester G.*	308
Pitman John*	63	Shedd J. Herbert	637
Pond Charles G.	225	Sheldon Francis J.	158
Pope William H.	498	Sheldon Nicholas	188
Porter Emery M.	80	Shepard Thomas P.	385
Potter Asa K.	625	Simmons James S.	291
Potter Charles*	55	Simmons W. Seabury	607
Potter William H.	139	Slade George H.	354
Power Street Meth. Epis. Church	361	Slater John 2d*	11
Pratt Peter*	17	Slater William S.	621
Pratt William H.	495	Slocum Jonathan L.	463
		Smith Amos D.	101
Randolph George	606	Smith Charles Morris	449
Randolph John R.	521	Smith James Y.	504
Rathbone Stephen K.	20	Smith John W.	215
Read Francis	434	Smith Elma L.	90
Read James H., 2 shares	84, 432	Snow William C.	275
Reynolds James	333	Southwick Isaac H.	32
Reynolds John*	320	Sprague Amasa	293
Reynolds William H.	415	Stafford Robert R.	100
Rhodes James T.	232	Staples William R.*	181
Rhodes Peleg A*	260	Stayner Sarah Hood	569
Rhodes Thomas H.	334	Stead Thomas J.*	249
Rice Howard M.	479	Steere Emily C.	172
Richards Charles A. L.	604	Steere Gilbert M.	428
Richardson Henry	231	Steere Jonah	420
Richmond Anna, trustee,	46	Steere Thomas	381

Steere Thomas E.	16	Tyler Solomon	64
Stockwell Thomas B.	199		
Stone Alfred	417	Udpike Cæsar Augustus	611
Sutton Edward	335	Utley Leander*	242
Swan Jarvis B.	255		
Sweet Joseph	276	Vaughan Daniel W.	98
Sweet William	610	Vinton E. Dyer*	220
		Vose Seth M.	440
Taft Cyrus	161		
Taft James W.	624	Walcott Edward*	48
Taft Orray*	59	Wardwell Stephen P.	568
Taft Royal O.	465	Warner James M.	138
Talbot Theodore B.	535	Waterman Emily	180
Talbot William M.	56	Waterman Henry	278
Taylor Daniel A., 2 shares	511, 534	Waterman Resolved	41
Taylor John H.	87	Waterman Rufus	277
Temple William	436	Waterman William H.	240
Tetlow Asenath	600	Watson Matthew*	27
Thayer Euclid C.	386	Wayland Francis*	236
Thomas George B.	591	Weeden Benjamin D.	99
Thomas Hiram H.	370	Weeden Stephen R. (N. Prov.)	394
Thomas Sylvanus M.	13	Weeden William B.	522
Thompson John C., Jr.	365	Weeden William G.	246
Thurber Edmund	509	Wesson Samuel Augustus	442
Thurber Lucy	281	West George	372
Thurston Benjamin F.	356	Westcott Amasa S	639
Tibbitts Mary R.	227	Wheeler Bennett W.	282
Tibbitts William W.*	552	Wheeler Charles H.	18
Tillinghast James	272	Whitaker C. Earle	271
Tillinghast Sophia F.	74	Whitaker Henry C.	121
Tingley Albert H.	177	Whitaker Josiah	383
Tingley Edmund W.	124	Whitaker William	60
Tingley Henry	297	Whitney Patrick	543
Tobey John F.	462	Wilbour Joshua	542
Tobey Samuel Boyd*	66	Williams William G.	298
Torrey Moses E.	384	Witherell Alice R.	147
Townsend William C.	122	Woodbury Augustus	557
Tripp Benjamin	61	Woods Marshall, 3 shares 145, 326, 359	
Truman Nathan	248	Woodward William	490
Turner John	327		

625 owners of one share each.....	625
6 " two shares each	12
1 " three shares.....	3

LIST OF BOOKS

ADDED TO THE LIBRARY OF THE

PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM,

DURING THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1, 1869—AUGUST 31, 1870.

1. ABBOTT, J. The Juno stories. I. Juno and George. II. Mary Osborne. N. Y., [1870.] 2 vols. 18°.
2. ABBOTT, J. S. C. History of Hortense, queen of Holland. N. Y., 1870. 16°.
3. ——— History of Joseph Bonaparte, king of Naples and Italy. N. Y., 1869. 16°.
4. ——— The romance of Spanish history. N. Y., 1869. 12°.
5. ADAMS, H. C. Tales upon texts; or, stories illustrative of scripture. Lond., 1870, [1869.] 16°.
6. ADAMS, W. H. D. The buried cities of Campania. Lond., 1869. 16°.
7. ——— The queen of the Adriatic, Venice past and present. Bost., 1869. 16°.
8. ADAMS, W. T. Oliver Optic, [pseud.] Down the Rhine. Bost., [1869] 16°.
9. Lake shore series. 1. Through by daylight. Bost., 1870, [1869.] 16°.
10. 2. Lightning express. Bost., 1870, [1869.] 16°.
11. 3. On time. Bost., 1870, [1869.] 16°.
12. 4. Switch off. Bost., 1870, [1869.] 16°.
13. 5. Brake up. Bost., 1870. 16°.
14. 6. Bear and forbear. Bost., 1870. 16°.
15. AGASSIZ, L. Address del. at the centennial anniversary of the birth of Alexander von Humbolt. Bost., 1868. 8°.
16. AIKMAN, W. Life at home; or the family and its members. N. Y., 1870. 12°.
17. ALCAN, M. Traité du travail des laines. Paris, 1866. 2 vols. 8°. et atlas 4°.
18. ALCOTT, L. M. An old-fashioned girl. Bost., 1870. 16°.
19. ALDRICH, T. B. The story of a bad boy. Bost., 1870, [1869.] 16°.
20. ALEXANDER, H. C. Life of J. A. Alexander, D. D. N. Y., 1870. 2 vols. 12°.
21. ALGER, H. jr. Ben the luggage boy. Bost., [1870.] 16°.
22. ——— Fame and fortune. Bost., [1870] 16°.
23. ——— Rough and ready. Bost., [1869.] 16°.

Note. Continuations of periodicals and other works whose titles have been entered in former Reports are here omitted.

1. AMARI, M. History of the war of the Sicilian vespers. Ed. by the earl of Ellesmere. Lond., 1850. 3 vols. 12°.
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